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B. T. WASHINGTON,

AS VIEWED BY THE REV. CHAS. S. MORRIS.

NATURAL LEADER OF HIS RACE.

This Great Nobleman is Doing More for the New South To-Day than Any Other Man in it—The Mantle of Douglass Fell upon Him.

Last year I went down to Tuskegee to attend the great Negro conference and the scarcely less interesting workers' conference the day following.

There, surrounded by ninety teachers, nearly every one of whom of exceptional ability along some line; there, under the shadow of sixty different buildings, all erected under his supervision, thronged with a thousand bright, ambitious, self-reliant students; there, in the midst of a thousand farmers who year after year come up to Tuskegee as a Mohammedan might go to Mecca, there you see the real Booker Washington literally "going about doing good."

I have met and known more or less intimately nearly all the eminent men the colored race has produced in the last generation. And there were giants in those days, men of great courage, eloquence and tact. I was raised by the sainted Bishop Payne. I have traveled thousands of miles with Frederick Douglass. I have known Price, Langston, Bruce, Crummell and Williams. I do not hesitate to say I think Booker Washington will leave a profounder impression upon his race and nation than any one of the great spirits I have named. Bishop Payne was, without question, the mightiest force in his church, but not much felt outside of it. Langston was a shining rhetorician, but he made no solid contributions to the welfare of the race. Bruce was a singularly astute and successful politician—always respectable but never great—too timid to take any positive position on any question which involved a risk. Price died before he had a fair opportunity to give the race his best service. Crummell was a scholar of large attainments and a preacher of real ability, but his sphere was necessarily circumscribed by his own limitations and those of his church.

Frederick Douglass was the noblest Roman of them all—a mastodon surviving over from another age—a man of vast powers of oratory, a picturesque and stately figure, one of the grand old guard of liberty who wrought magnificently for the overthrow of slavery, but Mr. Douglass did not grasp the problems of these later years. Like so many of the older school, he was continually looking for help from whence our freedom came—from Washington, from the Republican party, from the people of the North. I have heard him appeal night after night, as only he could appeal, to the great heart and conscience of the North to protect his people,

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to secure to them their ballot by a force bill and to protect them from lynching by United States troops. He could not believe but that the people that had sprung to arms at his former appeal and bayoneted slavery to death, would rush to the ballot box and decree that the Negro should be protected in the exercise of the rights the Constitution had given him. And so, for the last quarter of a century of his life, he was like the voice of one crying in the wilderness. There was the same unyielding purpose, the same courage, the same eloquent, soul-stirring appeal, but it was to a people who had ears to hear but would not hear. For his own race he had scarcely any message. He thought the problem was the nation's—the white side of the nation. When black men were crowding into Southern legislatures and into Congress he shook his head in sad foreboding and said, "They are coming too soon," but he made no attempt to direct them.

When they swarmed up from the South to a National Republican convention he went there, too, but he never sought to form them into a potent force that could dictate the nomination and win for the race the protection of the incoming administration. He denounced the store order system and the abominable industrial conditions of the South, but he had no remedy, except the vague and indefinite term, "justice." He called several of the largest national conventions the race has ever had. But after he had delivered a masterly opening address he turned the meeting over to the vice-presidents and seemed to have considered his duty discharged. He did not seem to grasp the vast power there was in organization. And so, though admired, honored and loved by all, we must confess that the latter years of his life, the last quarter of a century, was more picturesque than useful. He was more than he did. He had vast power, but he did not apply it to practical service. He did not grasp the real situation, and hence his remedies did not meet the disease. He hated the South, and distrusted her utterly, and with a confidence it seemed as if no recreancy of the North could shake he expected her to front and fight all the Negro's battles for him.

In this he and Mr. Washington radically disagreed, and I think Mr. Washington is right. Mr. Douglass believed the Negroes' hope was from without, Mr. Washington believes it is from within. Mr. Douglass's position was all right far before the war. Then a revolution had to be wrought without before anything could be done within. But once break a race's chains, once clothe it with the mantle of citizenship, once make it the equal before the organic law of the land, then it must stand alone, it must protect itself by its wealth, its tact, its intelligence, its ability to play off one party against another. Failing these, it will continue to be robbed and wronged until it learns its lesson in the bitter school of experience. And the A, B, C of this lesson of self-protection is for a race to learn to feed itself. The Negro knows how to feed the white man; he has not learned how to feed himself. He is hands and feet for a white head, not for a black one. He can work for some one who will think for him. He must learn to think for himself and work for himself. This lesson Booker Washington is teaching with rare fidelity and effect in the midst of that moral and physical Alabama wilderness which he is making to bloom and blossom like a rose. He has seen the race driven back by the relentless competition of foreign hordes and the merciless edict of trades unions until the Negro is seriously threatened with starvation from enforced idleness, due to a cruel and scandalous prejudice that is attempting to keep a man out of all sorts of decent work simply because he is wearing the color God gave him, or from the lack of trades on the part of the younger generation, who are not taking the places of older colored tradesmen, whose ranks are fast being depleted. And by his clarion cry of warning and alarm he is arousing the race to awake and face a real, terrific, appalling danger.

The few in good positions do not see or feel this, but the toiling millions who have nothing between them and starvation but a pair of untrained hands. The thousands of boys who have graduated from high school and college and then been forced to take refuge in some hotel or on the railroad because they could get nothing else to do, they know that Mr. Washington has grasped the real situation and that he is the real benefactor of the race. Of course, he will be misunderstood by some; he will be deliberately misrepresented by others; he will be blindly and maliciously struck at by others—Philistines are not the only people who have been injured by the jawbone of an ass. Mr. Douglass once wrote to me that it was "the best fruit tree in the orchard that was most pelted with sticks and stones." I have seen grown boys unable to educate themselves without appeals to charity, going about the country seeking to attract attention to themselves by attacks on him. I have seen men who have never been South and who know nothing of Southern conditions, scolding him because he said the Negroes of the black belt of the South need to make friends with the man who can turn him out under the open sky, with nothing to eat and nowhere to go.

It seems to be a perfect fad with a lot of so called advocates of higher education to attack him. Yet there is not a black man in the country who says kinder things about higher education, who gives employment to as many highly educated young men and women as Mr. Washington.

The other week the Nashville American gave Rev. C. S. Smith an opportunity to say a word for his race, and almost the first thing he did was to go out and get a handful of mud and throw at Booker Washington. There is no argument in saying the Negro had too much industrial training in slavery. Most of the slaves who purchased their liberty—who made enough to purchase their liberty—were the skilled mechanics, but they are fast dying out, the class is almost extinct. Who will take their places? Somebody must. If the Negro does not, the white man from the North and from Europe will, and with him will come the trade union, of which Dr. Smith complains.

I honor Booker Washington because he is a modest, earnest, heroic man who is willing to serve his race, and do it without any flourish of trumpets, without charging a hundred dollars a night for speaking for it, without making any blatant professions of how much he loves it, without sitting down in Washington during half of an administration to get a chance to hold office for it. This simple, brave, devoted man showed what metal he was made of when, eighteen years ago, he went down into that dark corner of Alabama and began building Tuskegee, toiling on faithfully summer and winter year in and year out, serving a grand course in its day of small things, serving it grandly, with a lover's fondness, with a martyr's constancy. As his fame has grown he has grown, equaling every occasion, even the greatest, and surpassing the most sanguine hopes of friends until to-day Tuskegee is the best known school in the South. Booker Washington toiled in obscurity till at last the nation, thrilled with the eloquence and rare tact of his Atlanta speech, realized that from out of the bosom of her unfettered millions, even in the first generation of their freedom, there has come, not only a great teacher, a splendid executive, a superb orator, but a statesman and prophet, with a vision clear enough to see the path of duty and a will resolute enough to tread it, not turning aside to see the burning bush, even though one of his own race should be wasting to ashes in its flames. I say without hesitation it is my candid belief that Booker Washington is doing more for the New South than any other man in it. The Master's definition is always true: "Whosoever would be great among you let him be your servant." This is the glory of Mr. Washington that, never asking any office or honors—ex Minister to nowhere, Recorder of nothing, Delegate-at-large to no convention—he has been content to toil on, a private in the ranks, an unboasting, untitled benefactor, not of his race only, but of both races, than whom none more useful, practical and worthy has risen south of Mason and Dixon's Line.

One does not feel that he is stultifying himself in honoring such a man. You take off your hat instinctively when you see that modest, plainly dressed, unassuming hero who created as with a magician's wand the sixty buildings that cluster on the hill, now known all over the world as Tuskegee, who, at Atlanta, facing the serried remnants of an army that fought to cleave down his race's liberty upon the battlefield, uttered words that disarmed prejudice of a life time and caused men and women who despised him for his color to shout themselves hoarse in frantic applause as, without surrendering a single principle of manhood, he sought to establish a modus vivendi between the two much troubled branches of God's great family, who in some strange way have educated themselves to think they must hate each other because they don't look alike. No wonder that at a meeting held while I was in London, England's nobility gathered about this, God's nobleman, and applauded to the echo the generous eulogy of our gifted Ambassador; no wonder that even down here in South Africa he is known and honored, and the professor of the greatest industrial school in South Africa sends him through me a little token of honest and hearty appreciation. After all, though sometimes a little tardy, the world usually gives us all that we prove a clear title to, without much regard to race, color or previous condition. Hence the recognition of Booker Washington, after eighteen years of obscurity, as the natural leader of the colored race by the divine right of a coronet of brains. If the mantle of Douglass fell on him suddenly, it was because he was near the grand old apostle of liberty when he went to heaven in a chariot of fire.

REV. EDWARD P. JONES, A. B.,

Candidate for Commissioner of Negro Exhibits From Mississippi at Word's Fair, St. Louis, 1903.

Rev. Edward P. Jones, A. B., of whom the above cut is an excellent likeness, is an example of Negro possibilities in the South. He was born of humble parents; his early life was attended by stern necessities. He was orphaned at an early age, and was thus left to meet the trials of life with no guidance save the hands of a grandmother, already grown feeble with age; he nevertheless entered school, working to pay his tuition. He carried to his work a zeal and a care that won friends among his superiors and marked him a leader among his fellows. He graduated with honors and immediately devoted himself to the gospel ministry, and is a well known figure on the floor of both state and national conventions. He has for a number of years been secretary of the Baptist State convention of Mississippi. Rev. Jones, however, is a many sided mortal. He seems to have tact for anything. His rents on real estate foot up more than $100 per month, and this did not come to him other than through his business ability. It is plain to see that he is not laying up all his interests in heaven, notwithstanding the biblical precaution concerning thieves, moss, rust and what not. This princely product of our race has figured largely in secret orders of the state, and is Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F. of Mississippi, an organization that has given more than $200,000 to widows and orphans. But strange to say, as bright as has been his record—as ceaseless as has been his devotion to his people, no man has had more obstacles to surmount than he, and how he has triumphed can not be told in terms more eloquent than his people's devotion. Governor Longino can not pay the better element of our race a higher compliment than by appointing Rev. Jones to the post which his friends beg for him.

We herewith present him as the proudest product of a proud people in a proud commonwealth, and if we have failed to enumerate all of his virtues, "he is of age and can speak for himself." We assure you and your many readers that in Rev. Jones the race has a leader, broad gauged and self centered. Truth and honor have ever walked by his sides, and he between the two has ever walked upright, opposing none and fearing none. The Zion Harp has this to say:

We rise to place in nomination for the position above mentioned one of Mississippi's loyal sons of color, who is in every way competent and reliable. His business tact and ability fit him for the place. He is one of Mississippi's rising stars, and is known far and wide and honored everywhere for his intellect and integrity. The selection and appointment of the Rev. Edward P. Jones, of Greenville, Miss., to the position in question would give satisfaction to both the white and colored people throughout the entire state, regardless of color or conditions. We submit the above to His Excellence, the Governor of Mississippi and his bureau.

The Preachers' Safeguard says:

Rev. Jones is enthusiastic and active and would fill the position as well as any man in Mississippi Appoint him, Governor, and you will make no mistake.

News from the Empire State.

Syracuse, N. Y., Special.—A social was given at the home of Mrs. Watson, 904 E. Washington street, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of Bethany Baptist church. It was under the direction of Mr. Holder and Miss Brown and was a successful affair. The congregation of St. Philips church assembled last Saturday Morning to pay last tribute of respect over the remains of Mrs. S. A. Lincon, who died suddenly Wednesday morning. St. Philips Military company will give an entertainment in the near future to raise funds to purchase a bass drum. The little fellows feel sure that they will give their patron their money's worth. Prof. Charles Bailey has gone to Detroit, Mich., to practice his profession. James Fields, of Hamilton, Canada, has left the city for Buffalo. Rev. E. H. McDonald, who took ill Saturday, is much improved. George Hudgins is sick. Mr. Herins, of Scranton, Pa., is in the city.

Personal Pointed Pickings.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Ida Winslow, of Carthage, was the guest of relatives here last week. Wm. Jenkins and wife, Frank Jenkins and wife and Miss Lena Henderson, of Dalisbury, Ky., have moved here for permanent residence. The Tuxedo club met at the home of Miss Mary Brooks last week. Mr. Jones has returned from a visit to Kentucky. Rev. Pope, of the Second M. E. church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. Mrs. Grimes entertained a surprise party last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Hines, in honor of the husband's 33d birthday. He was the recipient of many presents. Delicious refreshments were served. The mother of Mrs. Orange Dennis is visiting her from Marion. Mrs. Grigsby, of Indianapolis, will visit the Home and Foreign Missionary society in this city, Sunday.

Sleeps the Sleep of the Righteous.

Toledo, O., Special.—The funeral of John Moxley was held at Warren A. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The deceased was 59 years of age. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was highly respected. He leaves six children. Miss Blanch Snodgrass will sing at Warren A. M. E. church Easter Sunday. Mr. Johnson, of Lee's Glee club, entertained the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" company at a six course dinner on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tam also entertained the company at lunch. Mr. Mables, who dislocated his shoulder, continues to improve. Ruth Court No. 5 had their annual sermon preached at Warren A. M. E. church last Sunday. Mrs. Harris delightfully entertained the Willing Workers' club at her home, 337 Avondale avenue, Tuesday evening.

Small Consolation—"It's no comfort either," muttered the explorer, making his toilsom way toward the north pole. "to be told that there's plenty of room at the top!"—Chicago Tribune.

SWELL MASK SOCIAL

GIVEN BY THE IMPROMPTU CLUB ON THURSDAY, THE 20TH.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM RENDERED.

Hubbard & McFadden Appear Before the Foot-lights and Captivate their Audience—Wedding Bells and a General Budget of Social News.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—The Impromptu club gave a swell mask entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, on the 20th inst. W. Ricks was the attraction of the evening. Those present were Misses Ida Bedford, "the so kind;" Jessie Jenkins, "the pet girl;" Pokie Dunlap, "among them all;" Hattie Jones, "I saw her;" E. Jenkins, "a pleasant evening;" Wilson Ricks, "you can't beat him;" Gus Marshall, "he was there;" Frank Webb, "it's new to him;" Tom Taylor, "was at home." Music was furnished by Overby's band. At 12 o'clock the table was spread and everyone partook of a delicious midnight lunch and departed for their respective abodes highly elated. The death of R. Davis on 19th was a shock to his relatives and friends, as he was ill only five days. He leaves a widow and one child. The funeral was under the direction of the K. of P., and was held at the Twelfth Street Baptist church. Those who heard the Hubbard & McFadden Original Jubilee Singers at the Mounds on the 18th, did not regret the money expended, as it is one of the best companies on the road. Do not fail to hear them at the Opera house in the near future. They have one of the best quartettes ever heard in this state. Miss Nina Manier returned home from a visit to Hardges Park to see her sick brother. Miss Ida Smith and Frank Dorch, both of this city, were quietly married on the 15th. Miss Sallie Cross, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Clara Hamilton, of Walnut street, has returned to her home in Carbondale. Mr. Griffin, 524 Twelfth street, who has been suffering from a sprained hand, is improving. Charles Hamilton and brother came near meeting with a fatal accident on the 19th. They were in a runaway and were both thrown out of the vehicle and bruised considerable. Mrs. Marie Parker, 527 Douglass street, is ill. Mrs. S. M. Blackwell, 2515 Poplar street, send regards to her mother, Mrs. Witt, 629 College Lane, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Bradley, of 526 Douglass street, is on the sick list. Miss Cora Smith, of New Orleans, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Lewis, 2609 Poplar street. A. Loving has opened a first class family grocery at 2615 Commerce avenue, and desires the patronage of friends. Mrs. Mary Barnes, of Paducah, Ky., was a recent guest of her sister, Miss Mattie Bradley, 429 Douglass street. Mrs. Fannie Farrell, 424 Twelfth street, and Henry Holland, 219 Twenty-ninth street, are on the sick list. Mrs. E. Williams, 2405 Poplar street, has resumed dress making and desires to have her friends call on her. Mrs. Bettie Haire, of Paducah, is the guest of her two sisters, Mmes, Wells and Mosby, at the Mounds. Mrs. Mary Rudd is visiting in the Mounds. Mrs. Sallie Southland, of the Mounds, entertained the Jubilee Singers on the 18th. Mrs. Mary Rudd sends regards to her mother and relatives. Don't forget R. A. Davis & Son, 3910 Commerce avenue, when you need anything in the grocery line. Mrs. L. Diggs and sister are visiting relatives in Paducah, Ky., and will be absent from the city about ten days. There will be a grand Easter ball given at Dick Taylor's hall, Thirty-second street and Commerce avenue, Monday evening, March 31st. The public is invited. Admission 15 cents. Music by Overby's full orchestra, assisted by M. V. Vassor. There are quite a number of invitations out for the entertainment of the Raglan club, which takes place to-night. A good time is anticipated. W. M. Harris was the guest of Miss Sadie Dandy on the 20th. Miss D Frost is one of the most successful music teachers in our city, and desires that persons needing instructions along that line to call on her; terms reasonable. All members of the Owl, Whist and Roosevelt clubs are requested to turn out at Dick Taylor's hall on Monday night.

NEWS OF THE MOUNDS.

There are about 2,000 inhabitants in this place, and the majority are colored. The agent believes The Freeman should find a

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TOM THE TATTLER.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

THOUGHT TABLET.

Let us be grateful to writers for what is left in the inkstand;
When to leave off is an art only attained by the few. —[Longfellow.

March weather in its disposition is not unlike that of some persons I know. For a brief spell it is pleasant and agreeable then again its fury is something awful.

Why shouldn't Prince Henry have met Booker T. Washington? He came over here to see America's best, and Washington is one of America's noble productions.

When the fact is considered he succeeded one of the most able and most popular Presidents that ever graced the White House, Teddy has proven to be not only a remarkable man, but a conservative President. One noteworthy thing concerning him, and one of which the politicians are aware, is what he says he means.

Had some of the newspaper forecasts of him come to truth, by this time he would have taken a shot at every member of his cabinet, and had the Senate and House of Representatives afraid to speak above a whisper, lest he appear and blow him off the earth.

Teddy was supposed to be so full of cowboyism and westernism that by this time riding a broncho into the Senatorial bar-room with a wad of tobacco in his face and a brace of revolvers strapped around him, would be a Presidential precedent.

Instead of all that, we find a mild-mannered man, honest to the core, and measures up to the Presidential dignity in its exactest form.

Flora Bender, of Frederick, Md., "got religion," as they sometimes say in that section, and wanted to be baptized. The preacher was willing, but as in her case baptism would mean immersion in a neighboring creek, her parents objected. Miss Flora insisted, though warned that she was not strong enough for such an ordeal. Then her parents got out an injunction, restraining her until the water shall be of a more congenial temperature.—Southwestern Banner.

Serious as is the rite of baptism, there is some humor in the foregoing. Flora gets religion, wants to follow in the footsteps of her Master by being baptized, and her parents object; but seeing their objection about to come to naught, call on the courts for assistance. I suppose that if the parents of Miss Bender are members of the same church to which she aspires for membership, it is for the church to try them for heresy.

That is what it amounts to. It is a traditional doctrine in baptism that no matter how cold the weather and water, and how frail the candidate for baptism, no harm has ever arisen from it. You can go into any church that practices baptism and find many members who can tell you instance after instance of baptism taking place when the ice would have to be broken, and no harm resulting from it. The Benders by having the courts enjoin Miss Bender have ruthlessly slaughtered this doctrine and these traditions.

I doubt much whether a court has a real legal right to enjoin one from baptism. On what grounds can it be based? If the parents claim that damage will result to them unless the daughter be enjoined from baptism, can a mother not have her son enjoined from entering a saloon or a theater, or any other place deemed harmful? Of course we ara proceeding on the supposition that Flora is not a minor, otherwise no injunction would be needed.

Supposing a mother had a daughter who was of such a religious temperament that she, whenever full of the spirit, gave vent to it by shouting. Suppose, again, this daughter has heart disease, is a school teacher with the family depending on her. Taking the baptismal injunction as a precedent, the mother could get out an injunction to keep her from shouting, probably from attending church altogether.

Taking the baptismal injunction as a legal precedent, no end of cases could come up under it. A mother could go so far as to have her daughter enjoined from falling in love with a certain young man.

On the other hand, if the court has this legal right to issue injunctions such as this one against the personal privilege of baptism, it will not be long until the whole category of one's individual rights will be invaded by injunctions.

I know some of my readers must look upon me as a sort of unjust being, who never sees the good, the virtues of humanity, but always parading its short comings and vices. Probably they think to be continually looking on the dark side of things will make the most optimistic mind pessimistic.

A pessimist is one who believes tha everything in nature is ordered for the worst. This is far from being the Tattler's belief. He believes that virtue actuates the world, but at no moment must we release our watch over the vices. At all times we do not live up to the best that is in us and so far as he is able, with his pen, he takes it to be his mission to point out the reason for this. It was a French philosopher, I think, who said, "May heaven send me a friend who will tell me my faults."

I think it is the worst thing a friend can do to flatter a shortcoming, or a vicious propensity. To help lead a man to believe he can do something which you can plainly see he cannot, is sowing the seeds of failure in that man's life. Many a poor, disappointed bundle of humanity, who to day treads the sorrowful paths of failure, is doing so because of his friends' flattering deception. Had they told him at the beginning of his career he was trying to do something for which he was ill adapted, it might have caused him to get in the right channel which means success.

Reader, the Tattler tries to be your friend by telling you what you cannot do, hoping that it may lead you to find what you can do. Whenever he negatives your efforts it is not done to "roast" you, as it is called, but to show you you are not following the lines Dame nature intended you to follow.

Dowie has shifted his position again. In one of his recent sermons, Dowie likened himself to St. Paul. Heretofore he has posed as Elijah, or, rather, as the reincarnated Elijah, or Elijah II. If Dowie keeps this up he will be all the great biblical personages before he dies. He may even become so audacious as to pass himself off for the Lord.

The following verses were picked up in professional headquarters by a member of the profession and given to me. Judging from a little note which was pinned to them they were intended to be read at a "Ham and Cabbage" dinner party. Just who the author of them is, I do not know, certainly, but that does not enjoin us from having our speculations. To those who may be inclined to jump at conclusions, I will say Humphrey had nothing whatever to do with their composition. True, it is a well known fact that his liking for "ham and cabbage" is somewhat intense, but as he has been in and around New York for a season or more, it is utterly impossible that he could have had a hand in their composition.

Again, there are other "ham and cabbage" likers, and if a man is intensely fond of this dish, and sees a prospect of getting his appetite appeased, as the composer of these verses did, why shouldn't it move him to poetical flights. Poetry is the product of an excited imagination. "Ham and cabbage," especially when good and greasy, is likely to carry excitement to the sedatest mind; and if it fails to give utterance in poetry, it is because it has not the ability or the desire; not because the excitement is not there. The following are the verses:

"HAM AND CABBAGE."
(An Inspiration.)

Let the epicure have his fancy meats,
Shrimps, lobsters, eels, champagne and pickled beets;
That food ain't fit for a beastly savage,
It can't touch a dish of ham and cabbage.

If I were so sick I couldn't get sicker,
And would get a whiff of that pot "licker,"
The disease would soon be gone, with its ravage
Could I just get a dish of ham and cabbage.

Let the world go on with its modern way,
There are times when up-to-dateness doesn't pay;
In this iconoclastic money mad age,
Eatin' ain't eatin' without ham and cabbage.

In heav'n the bill of fare is honey and manna,
That will do for people like Mark Hanna;
To suit my folks, its true as an adage,
On it there must be some ham and cabbage.

There is one excuse that must be made on behalf of this poem, the feet are very bad; they are troubled with corns.

The best things can sometimes be put to poor uses. Every one knows the value of books. The most frightful calamity that could happen to this world would be for the books in it to be destroyed, and men to lose the art of making them. Books make a library and it is the libraries of a nation that marks its civilization.

Mrs. James Lewis Board, of Port Huron, Mich., has invested $50,000 in a library. The first thing that pops in the mind of one is, here must be a vast number of books, and how can a home, even such as millionaires have, hold them. Fifty thousand dollars invested in books, say $2.00 a volume, would mean 25,000 volumes, which would stock a building, larger than the homes of our millionaires, devoted exclusively to books.

The question is, then, how will Mrs. Board take care of all these books? That is an easy one to answer. Mrs. Board will not have 25,000 books, nothing like that many. When you reason from the following prices you will agree with me.

"One set of Gautier alone is valued at $4,500. The Waverly novels are bound in full double levant, hand-tooled by Lowndes in London, costing $1,650. The edition of Schiller and Goethe, of which ten copies were limited to America, is selected by Mrs. Board, whose twenty-four volumes represented $3,500. A set of Napoleon, Bouriesne's production, cost $50 per volume. The finest edition of Ruskin's writings is to cost $1,000. Burton's 'Arabian Knights,' a rare edition, represent $2,000. Five hundred dollars is being expended on a set of Tennyson's poems."

Here is one-third of Mrs. Board's $50,000 expended, and in point of number she has not as many books as the Tattler possesses. Mrs. Board paid for her edition of Schiller and Goethe $3,500. Necessity is the mother of invention. We had to have the works of these two great Germans on our shelf, but as we had nothing like the fabulous sum of $3,500 to expend for them, by making use of our wits we got both editions from a second-hand book store in good shape for $9 00 We, according to this, then, saved $3,491, or the price of a snug little home.

Mrs. Board can read her $3,500 editions until the resurrection day and she can get no more satisfaction from it than we can from our $9 ones. If we were reading a book from a $3,500 edition, it would be such a rarity that it would become a positive wonder to us. We would be so wonder-struck that we feel we would do but little reading from that book.

It will be very little reading these books will get. Whenever Mrs. Board entertains, of couse, a peep at the $50,000 library will be a part of that entertainment. The books themselves must be content with being looked at, for it was never intended for books costing hundreds and thousands of dollars to be read. Mrs. Board may pick one up, open it, but we think, she, herself, will be so carried away with pride that she will not be able to read it.

When you think that the men who wrote these books hardly got enough from them to keep the wolf from the door, it is enough to cause them to groan in their graves.

Mrs Board has set the precedent. I suppose millionaire after millionaire will take it up and keep elaborating on it until we finally hear of one of them having a library every volume of which will represent $1,000,000. If thieves should break in on the Board mansion, they would pass the diamonds up as so much glass. They would at once make for the library. TOM THE TATTLER.

TOM THE TATTLER AND LADY ENJOYING THE SOUBRETTES AT THE THEATRE IN OKLAHOMA

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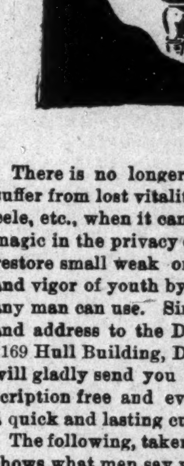

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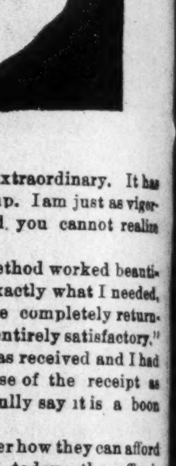

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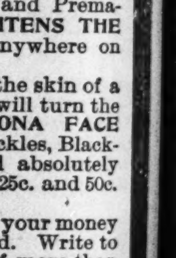

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Frank Dixon, who was employed as waiter at the Wringer Hotel, San Antonio Texas, died, after a brief illness, on Saturday, March 8. Mr. Dixon had many friends in Dallas and San Antonio who mourn his untimely death. In 1896 Mr. Dixon was appointed second waiter at the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas, by W. Forrest Cozart, and held same until Mr. Cozart returned North. Mr. Dixon then returned to San Antonio, where he has resided with his aged mother and other relatives. The San Antonio waiters turned out in large numbers and paid their last respect to comrade Frank, whom they all loved Yes, poor Frank is gone, but not forgotten.

The editor of this department is receiving many articles on the race and other problems, but is compelled to lay them aside as we only intend to discuss the culinary problem in these columns. When stamps are sent we return articles not used; otherwise they are "side-tracked." We are always glad to publish any news concerning colored hotel employes, and solicit same.

Mr. W. Forrest Cozart, editor of this department is now in charge of the dining room at the Hot Sulphur Wells Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

James Roberts is still holding the fort at the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Tex.

When Prince Henry went to Milwaukee the manager of the Phister hotel was compelled to send to Chicago for well trained waiters to serve the Prince as the white waiters employed at the Phister were not proficient enough in the line of fine service to serve the Prince. The above item appeared in the Chicago dailies, and is a hard knock for the white waiters, and especially the Milwaukee white waiters. How different things would have been had the Prince met with the good fortune to stop at the Plankinton House, where colored waiters are employed and so skilfully maneuvered by that old veteran headwaiter J. J. Miles. Hotel proprietors are beginning to learn that, after all, colored waiters are better in every respect than white waiters.

Among the many headwaiters in Pittsburg, Pa., there is one whose good qualities and genial disposition has won the hearts of the men employed by him. His very impersonation of intense energy compels them to choose him as the standard of excellence. That man is Mr. James Shelton, headwaiter at the Union Station. Since he has been in charge of the station he has by the fruition of noble effort had the wages of his men raised five dollars. They now receive $30 instead of the usual $25 per month. Realizing the importance in the selection of first class waiters he has one of the best crews in the country. He is ably assisted by S. W. Banks, recently second man at Horns & Co.

Hotel Notes from St. Paul, Minn.—The hotel business of St. Paul is still good. The Ryan hotel served a banquet of 350 plates. The efficient headwaiter, W. Evans, handled it with much success. Joe Johnson, second waiter at the Ryan, is on the sick list, and Mr. C. Saunders is filling the position as second waiter, and is an up-to-date man in every respect. E. Johnson, formerly of the Plankinton house, Milwaukee, Wis., and later of the Ryan hotel, St. Paul, left a few days ago to accept a position as the Portland hotel, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by W. M. Frances and W. M Abbey, chef. W. M. Taylor has returned from the Spaulding hotel, Dututh, and is now at the Ryan. Wesley Sledge of Chicago is now at the Ryan Our old friend James Steward is still at the Ryan, and is holding his own as usual C. Saunders is quite popular in St. Paul, especially with the hotel fraternity. He always speaks of good things and looks a long ways before he jumps, and has an eye to business.—W Whitelow.

Hotel Notes from Mobile, Ala.—Mr. Ed Sims, headwaiter of Windsor hotel, is to be complimented for the manner he has conducted the waiters and cooks society in this city. The lodge has a membership of over a hundred, and every member is employed. President Sims has the confidence of all of Mobile's hotel proprietors. Whenever they want help for any of the departments if they come recommended by Mr. Sims there is no questions asked. Mr. Joseph N. Stevens has succeeded J. W. Floyd as headwiter of the new Battle House. Mr. Floyd has accepted a position in Selma, Ala. Mr. Stevens is an experienced hotel man. He was captain of the first watch under W. W. Banks at this same house for twelve years. Since Mr. Bank's time he has been at other hotels in this city. Mr. Stevens is a man of means and has one of the prettiest homes in Mobile. He also has two public hacks on the streets of the city.—J. S. Davis.

Mobile, Ala, March 8, 1902.

W. Forrest Cozart, Chicago, Ill.:

Dear Sir.—I enclose you one dollar for your Manual, as my last one has been misplaced. Under the circumstances I am compelled to have one. I have it as a "ready reckoner," a reference in my kitchen. I advise all chefs and stewards of hotels, steam vessels, where catering is done, to procure a copy for their guidance and reference. The hotel waiters in this section are eager for the news of their department on the arrival of the paper. Your correspondent is a "Hustler," judging from your weekly Chicago letter and your news items in the Waiters' Department. Chicago is a big place to get around, and to get the news as you do is certainly commendable. I trust you enjoy good health. With my best regards to your family, I am yours respectfully.

SAM'L HODGES,
Chef Bienville Hotel.

Temple, Texas, March 3, 1902.

W. Forrest Cozart, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Sir: I wish one of your books, Waiters' Manual, I think, is the name. Kindly send price of same.

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THE NEGRO.

Dear Sir:—I would like to call attention to one of the chief reasons why the Negro race has a hard time to get along in this country and that is the silly idea that a good many colored men have that they can do anything they feel like doing, such as lying, shooting craps, drinking whiskey and fighting and still be recognized as a gentleman. Just as soon as the colored man gets the idea into his head that it is just as much his business to be a gentleman as it is for a colored woman to be a lady, then the colored race will be something; but it will not be anything before then.

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FARM AND HOME

A correspondent of the Orange Judd Farmer says: "I frequently find in your paper advice to farmers and others to have nails and hooks at convenient places about the barn on which to hang the lantern so that it will not get knocked over. Tell them to provide small harness snaps, then, if a person or horse hits the lantern it stays right there."

The soil should be cleaned around the trunks of trees. Piles of rubbish, dead grass, stones or other accumulations afford harboring places for insects. Washing the trees with strong soapsuds and giving them thick coats of whitewash not only add to the appearance of an orchard, but also benefit the trees. It may be done several times during the year.

In the selection of cattle foods the farmer should keep in view the results to be expected Some foods are more valuable, pound for pound, than others, because they differ in the relative proportion of dry substance contained, in the digestibility of that dry substance, and in its composition. The digestive capacity of each animal should be known to the farmer, and he should endeavor to supply its wants.

The cutworm often destroys whole fields of corn, compelling replanting, which makes the crop late and less able to stand dry weather. The corn land should be plowed deep and left rough, so as to permit the frost to enter. When cutworms are exposed to alternate thawing freezing weather many will be destroyed, though cold without dampness may not injure them.

For all kinds of young stock milk is the best food, and it also answers well for young chicks. The early ones will be hatched in March and April, and if given warm quarters should be raised without difficulty. When giving milk to chicks let it be fresh and not too cold. Sour milk is unsuitable for chicks, but may be allowed to adult fowls. The milk for chicks may be given as drink or it may be used with other foods. One of the best foods for chicks that is frequently used by those who have tried it is millet seed, which they enjoy very much. It is also very nourishing and adds to the general variety. A little linseed meal in the mixed food, once a week, is also excellent.

A Sheep Record.

A Missouri sheep grower has made a record which he thinks stands near the top, if it is not ahead of all others. Last spring his forty-three Shropshire ewes dropped eighty-five lambs, among which were seven sets of triplets, twenty-eight sets of twins and eight single lambs. He lost six by death, and killed two for his personal use. The remaining seventy-seven lambs were let to run on wheat and other pasture last fall, and later were given about twenty bushels of corn to put them in marketable condition. When sold they averaged 103 pounds each, and were reported "fat as butter," selling at $6 25, the highest price in a year or more at Kansas City. An income of about $500 beside the wool from forty-three ewes makes it look as if well-bred Shropshire were a good kind of sheep to invest in.—American Cultivator.

Begin Working Colts Now.

Three-year-old colts to be broken in the spring and used on the farm should be taken in hand at once. Begin feeding a small grain ration and accustom them to haltering and harness. As soon as possible hitch to a wagon and do the light work necessary at this season of the year. By the time field operations begin their shoulders will be toughened and their muscles hardened. They can then go into the field and continue work throughout the summer without bad effects. Too many farmers wait until the heavy work comes on before breaking in their colts. As a consequence bruised and chafed shoulders and chafed sides and legs are the result. Occasionally two or three days' work of this kind in spring injures the colt so that he is useless for the remainder of the season. It also checks growth and in that way causes permanent injury.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Renovated Butter.

Renovated butter is several degrees worse than oleomargarine, in our opinion, which is based on actual knowledge of the processes by which the two are made. We have said and repeat that between the two frands we greatly prefer oleomargarine because it cannot possibly be made of more uncleanly materials than are used in making process butter, and very often is made in a cleanly manner from materials that, in themselves, are not unwholesome. The extent to which renovated butter has influenced the markets of the country is not fully appreciated or there would have been a stronger demand for its regulation long before this —Dairy and Creamery.

To prevent smut in seed corn or oats steep the seed in a solution of four ounces of sulphate of copper (blue vitriol) in a gallon of water for every six bushels of seed.

When buying an animal in order to improve the live stock nothing will be gained in so doing unless the animal is much superior to the stock that is to be improved.

Like the blackberry the raspberry bears its fruit upon the canes of the previous year's growth, which, after fruiting, dies, the new cane coming forward for next year.

Boiled Brevities.

Cleveland, O., Special.—The Douglass Y.'s and the Thurman W.'s gave a green social, St. Patrick's night at 111 Perry street in the residence of Mrs. Seelig. There was a large attendance and much pleasure was to be found especially in the play called St Patrick's guessing contest. There was only one prize to the contest which was won by Miss Mable Leach. Miss Shook was in charge of the contest. Mrs. George Hart is complaining of a severe cold. Mr. Boone, president of the Freeman Singers Club was in town on St. Patrick's day the first time for three weeks. The club regrets the absence of Mr. Boon which is caused by the position he holds as a porter on a railway. Mrs. Siebolt formerly of Toledo is on the sick list, having a blood vessel in head to clog up which causes fainting spells that last at times between one and one-half hours. What will the waiters, who work at Weisberger's do when he closes up indeffinitely? Mrs. John Jackson of 19½ Watkins street is said to be improving. Mrs. Redman, of Aurthur street has a fine baby and is doing nicely.

Interesting News Items.

Newport, Ark., Special.—Charley Strong and Bud Scott, two boys about 17 years of age, got into an altercation Friday night, March 14 Scott was stabbed to the heart and died in a few minutes. Strong escaped. Elder P. A. Knowles started a protracted meeting at Morning Star Baptist church Sunday night, March 16. Prof. J. H. Wright was in the city Saturday, March 15th. Prof. E. Cragin, E. J. Wheeler and Rev. S. E Johnson received their commissions as honorary members of the World's Fair last week. W. H. Melton, editor of the Colored Citizen, published at Memphis, Tenn., was in our city in the interest of his paper. Mrs. Sallie Lindsey died on Monday and was buried Tuesday at 2 p. m. Mrs. Mary Alexander, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is getting better. Thad Arington and Prof. C. W. Rogers left Sunday night, March 16, for Hot Springs to attend a call meeting of the Knights of Pythias. Miss Isabelle Taylor of Garrison, Miss., is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor, 1317 Garfield street. Rev. S. E. Johnson has selected the second Sunday in May as rally day to raise money for the trustees to repair the church. Copies of The Freeman can be had from Master J. E. Smith at Smith's lunch house, 616 E. Front street.

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FLORA, MISS., March 19, '02.

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"NOT TO THE AMERICAN CONSUMERS"

So completely overcome by the cry of distress from Cuba, and so carried away by its philanthropic desire to accord some measure of relief to the suffering, the Sugar Trust, through its president, in an interview widely published throughout this country some little while back, is said to have given expression to the following statement:

"Any concessions to Cuba in the tariffs on sugar will accrue entirely to the Cuban planters, and not to the American consumers. That cannot be made too strong or plain to the American consumer"

Now this is brief, clear and wonderfully distinct; and it was stated with such positive assurance that we do not propose to even doubt it. When it comes to a question of what the consumer will have to pay for anything the Trust may have to sell, we presume it will be readily conceded they speak ex cathedra.

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That is certain, positive and sure, the Sugar Trust has said it.

Now, there are certain industries in this land of ours, that claim they will be measurably and injuriously effected by this proposed legislation.

There are probably two hundred and fifty thousand of the colored race, way down South, who look with fear and dread at the prospect of being thrown out of employment. "Bah! who cares for the 'nigger' anyhow?"

There are some $90,000,000 invested in Louisiana cane fields, and this vast sum, it is claimed, would prove practically a total loss. "Well, what of it, they don't deserve any help from us"

There is the young, but rapidly increasing beet sugar industry, that has converted waste lands of the great West into fertile tracts; that has built factories and developed towns; that bids fair to produce within the next decade all the sugar this country can use and thereby distribute through all the avenues of trade a couple of hundred millions of dollars. "We are sorry, but then poor Cuba must have help."

All right, Cuba must be taken care of, no matter at what cost to our own people. We will let it go at that.

Why then, when a way is made clear to help Cuba, should there be any hesitation? If the relief of Cuba is the sole purpose, why insist upon a reduction of tariff, and utterly and positively spurn the rebate plan or the giving in a lump sum the amount of the proposed reduction to Cuba, as has been suggested time and time again by the honored defenders of the great principle of Protection?

The problem seems easy of solution, and any school boy who has learned his multiplication table can figue it out.

Practically the whole of this year's crop of Cuban sugars is warehoused on the island. The laborer can surely have no interest in its storing; the planter, if his distress is such as to force beseeching appeals to this country, could not possibly control the enormous wealth necessarily required in holding such a vast amount of sugar; but somebody is holding it, and if ever this government concedes the proposed reduction in tariff rates, the government will lose that duty, estimated at near $14 000,000, and somebody will pocket it.

And right here seems the stumbling block. "If you propose giving Cuba anything," and these are the words of the philanthropists their actions would imply, "you must give it our way."

This is sentiment for a poverty stricken people, sentiment doubly distilled. What says the American consumer?

But the fight is now on; for the administration forces succeeded last week in the Republican conference, by a vote not by any means one over which they have any cause to feel jubilant, but which nevertheless gave them the power to introduce the bill for a 20 per cent reduction of tariff, and the issue is now squarely before the representatives of the people.

There is one thing, however, in this connection that the colored voter at any rate cannot understand, and that is why such men as Speaker Henderson, Chairman Payne and Dalzeli of the Ways and Means Committee, heretofore so thoroughly imbued with protection ideas, should under the influence apparently of the administration now so persistently advocate the reduction of the tariff on Cuban sugars. It is a puzzle to the colored voter, doubtless also to many others, and will surely bear its fruit in coming campaigns.

But the contest will be one of vigor in the House, for the Protectionists are able, true and patriotic men, and have in their ranks orators and recognized debaters. But even should the bill reach the Senate, its chances of final passage seem there even more dubious. That grand old man, Senator Burrows, of Michigan, is determined to fight, and fight hard against any tariff tinkering that will injuriously effect the farming interests of this country for the alleged benefit of a foreign people. In speaking of the matter, a few days since, and subsequent to the conference agreement, he is reported as saying;

"I will resist the reduction of the tariff in Cuba's behalf to the last extreme. I can indicate my position in no other way than by extravagant terms. The beet sugar interests which I represent and the protection of principles which I believe in are dearer to me than the commands of so-called party leaders, even with the Executive included."

These are strong and stirring words but the occasion demands them. All honor to the men who seek to maintain their party's glory and look to the welfare of their own country and their own people, as above other considerations, be they what they may.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL

The fifth annual meeting of the Afro-American Council will be held in St. Paul, Minn., July 9, 10 and 11. The sessions will be held in Central Presbyterian church. Among the speakers will be the noted Negro educator, W. B. Dubois, of Atlanta University, also Mrs. Mary Church Terrill of Washington, D. C., former president of the National Association of Colored Women, Booker T. Washington and Mrs. Salone Yates are expected to appear during the sessions. Among the prominent Negro educators, ministers and professional men who have promised to attend the conventions are John C. Dancey, register of deeds of Washington, D. C., Judson B. Lyons, register of the treasury, Dr. Johnson, editor of the Christian Record of Philadelphia, Dr. I. D. Scott of the Southern Christian Recorder of New Orleans, Mrs. Ida B Wells Barnett, the agitator against lynching, Dr. R. E. Boyd, dean of Hehara Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., J. C. Napier, an attorney of Nashville, Dr. Roberts of St. Louis, who is likely to be appointed one of the commissioners of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Mrs. B. K. Bruce of Tuskegee, and Bishops Turner, Grant, Arnett, Clinton, Harris and Walters, the latter being president of the council. The council will end on the evening of July 11, with a reception and banquet in the armory of the State University, Minneapolis. The colored people of Minneapolis will unite with those of St. Paul in entertaining the delegates and visitors who attend the two St. Paul conventions and the St. Paul people will do their part in entertain those who attend the Educational Association meetings in Minneapolis The next meeting of the committee will be held on the evening of April 2 in the colored Baptist church, Minneapolis.

Frederick L. McGhee, the well-known attorney of St. Paul, Minn., will look out for the comfort and entertainment of the members of the Afro-American Council, which meets in that city July 9–11. Transportation can be had for one fare for round trip.

Elsewhere in this issue is an excellent article entitled Booker T, Washington from the pen of Rev. Charles S. Morris, the great Baptist missionary to African fields. The writer has a great deal to do with the characteristics of the American Negroes who have been pronounced great. He gives faithful pen pictures of Langston, Bruce and Douglass, wherein their weak points as well as the strong, are set forth, thus showing by contrast the peculiar greatness of Washington as demonstrated by what he does rather than by what he may or may not be. And after all the infallible sign of greatness is the ability to do great things and the accomplishment of great things. Mere potentiality without a result is speculative, leaving the subject a "proposition" of doubt. But not so where there are works. Works are patent to all.

J. H. Deveaux has been re-appointed as Collector of the Port of Savannah. Some opposition to him had been shown owing to his color, but the administration of his office had been commended by the business of Savannah without regard to party.

CHRISTMAS FREEMAN IN AFRICA

The following anent the Christmas issue of The Freeman from our far away contemporary, the Lagos Standard of Lagos, West Africa, is a little late in reaching us, but according to an old saying, "It is never too late to do good." We certainly appreciate the attention shown:

I have before me a copy of the Xmas number of The Freeman of Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A., which, though late in reaching us at this distance, is none the less welcome.

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I am always delighted to receive the holiday number of The Freeman, being satisfied that it contains a rich treat of instructive, interesting and entertaining matter.

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The present issue is not a whit behind any of its predecessors either in mechanical get up or literary merit. I felt it my duty, some time ago, to animadvert upon the disposition to devote too much space to stage people and the doings of the stage, as if that was the chief line in which the Negro in America excelled.

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The most captious critic could not take exception to the present issue in this respect, containing as it does excellent biographical sketches of many prominent Negroes, men eminent as lawyers, doctors, politicians, educators, commercialists, bankers, artists and divines—all handsomely illustrated. I herewith beg to congratulate Editor Knox upon this successful issue, and to wish him the achievement of still greater laurels in the journalistic field.

The Voice of Missions, Bishop H. M. Turner editor, says:

Rev. H. T. Johnson, D D., the editor of the Christian Recorder, will have been in our literary department for twelve years when the General Conference meets again, and this settles his status in the church for life. He can no more be returned to the pastorate, for he is now unfitted for that kind of work. He must be kept as editor of the Record or of the Review, or made a bishop, or given some position beyond the mere performance of pastoral duties. If he is not made a bishop he should be given the editorship of the Quarterly Review for life. His learning and his vast reading gives him a qualification that no other living man has among us to defend and maintain the honor of our church.

The above is significant and will have much to do in fixing the future of Dr. Johnson. Bishop Turner in this instance, as he so often does, shows his humane side in insisting that men who have been well tried, and that successfully, in certain walks of life for years should not be suddenly thrown back to the fields from which they passed by reason of efficiency and merit. If church officership is a promotion, as he seems to hold, then it is contrary to that spirit to reduce men, providing everything else is equal. The bishop is sound as the world views it. Yet there are those who maintain that preaching the word is the highest earthly calling. However these high church offices do not prohibit preaching, as is well known, but after years of incumbency they put the individual out of touch with church government, the minor things that wear and tear the physical man. Looking at it from that point of view the bishop is eminently right.

To the Colored Voters: More than the mere now is wrapped up in political movements of all kinds. The struggles of to-day is the history of yesterday, and next to the record of wars the historian records the activity of political parties and their actuating motives, etc. The colored leaders should see to it that no new party be born or old ones recusitated chargeable to the marketable character of the colored man's suffrage.

Spaan, Burke et al. have spoken. The colored voters certainly understand them; there is no room in the Democratic party for them, a fact that was not wholly unknown, but which now comes home with crushing force. These few mouthpieces may not stand for the Democratic party, but until their party repudiates their utterances that party will get the benefit, whatever that may be.

The utterances of Burke and Spaan are regrettable in that they show that the colored man is loved best for political purposes. Their remarks depart from that theory that has been held out to the colored voters; that the colored man could lighten his burdens if he would learn to divide his vote according to the issues of the day rather than holding en masse to the Republican party.

The Indianapolis Journal of last Monday morning had a well-timed editorial on the Crumpacker resolution, which is threatened with defeat. Timidity is the cause of the lack of enthusiasm in supporting a measure whose justness must be admitted by all, regardless of the possible political danger as it concerns the party. It says very much when it says that it is always summer when it comes to a matter of justice.

Vote selling is not confined to one race. If the preponderance prevails among the colored voters it is simply because advantage was taken of their greater ignorance concerning such matters.

THE GAY PARIS OF AMERICA

A Month's Stay of Our Representative in the Crescent City—Facts Gleaned of Its Mongrel Population, Habits and Ways.

FACTS GIVEN AS THEY WERE CAUGHT

HOME AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THE AMERICAN AND CREOLE NEGRO HIS STATUS IN PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED.

New Orleans La., Special to The Freeman.

During my thirty-five days stay in New Orleans, which can justly be styled the "Gay Paris of America," I can truthfully say that I was brough into closer touch with the strangest people, the strangest customs and the strangest city anywhere to be found within the bounds of the United States. History has taught us much of the whites of Louisiana but has tacitly withheld any facts pertinent to the better side of the Negro. Taking this as an adequate basis, I feel justified in dealing with the colored people alone.

It is indeed a weird scene to elbow your way through canal street when some popular events such as public parades or state demonstrations which call forth the population enmasse are taking place and note the varied and different types of humanity the occasion brings you in contact with. You meet the beautiful Creole girl whose dainty French accent, studdied mannerisms and cosmopolitan affections puzzle you for the moment just which category in which to correctly place her, as regards the scale of nations. Stranger still and perhaps just a little more puzzled is the observing stranger as he passes a little further on and knocks up against a typical old "black mammy" jabbering away in broken French and butchered English, in childish ecstacy of something which has chanced to excite her risibles. If you would speak with her about herself and ancestors she would not be long in making it clear to you that she was born on the North side of Canal street which is indicative of "French decent." Every colored man or woman born on that side of the street named, which, by the way, is the central line of the city is classed a Creole. The American Negroes live almost entirely in the South portion of the city.

I found the colored people divided into four or five distinct classes. There are a class of Creoles that are so nearly white that the best ethnologist would be put at his wits end to determine the real from the adulturated article. This class by virtue of their proximity and close ties of relationship with their French ancestors are as a rule, very comfortably situated. Many, indeed, are very wealthy, the result of liberal bequests from departed kindred. This class are very conservative and mingle with no one but their own people. I met and conversed at length with some of these men and women and found that they all took the stand of self protection for the position assumed claiming that nothing by way of betterment of their condition could possibly come of a promiscous association with the various classes of the Negro.

Next comes that class of persons identified with the trades, professions and politics. Upon the shoulders of this class rests the burden of keeping up the social life of the Negro in New Orleans. And I must say they are far superior to many cities in the North in this respect. Philadelphia alone in my opinion is the only city that surpasses them in social functions, Next comes the domestic elements who take no part in the social life of the city and lastly the Demimonde and levee class.

I did not find the Negro as well established in the commercial enterprises as the splendid opportunities of the city seemed to warrant. I give below a truthful synopsis of all the business affairs and men of promise with whom my mission brought me in contact:

The Metropolitan Relief Association, with J. A. Hardin president, is an enterprise worthy of especial mention. It is a weekly benefit concern conducted by a board of directors. They started business the 6th of January, and now have a membership of 2,000. They have fifteen live, energetic agents at work, and with the rapid increase of their business they have room for many more. They propose soon to open offices in all adjoining States. Doctor and medicine are included in the weekly benefit with from one to four and a half dollars in money. This is secured by the weekly payment of from 10 to 15 cents. This firm seems to enjoy the perfect confidence of the people and bids fair to establish a huge business. They have very swell offices situated at 1300 Canal street. In this connection I must mention T. C. Terrell, who conducts a similar business at 1816 Melpomene street. His concern is known as the "International Relief Association." His benefits and death premiums are on a par with the Hardin enterprise. They both are deserving of the highest praise and support of the colored people.

Burbridge & Dejoie, cut rate pharmacists, are doing a thriving business at 1832 Dryades street, near St. Andrew. Mr. Aristide Dejoie, the junior member, is a young man of high business and professional attainments. He is a graduate from Mehara college P. h. c. The firm has been in business four years; have $3,000 invested and a soda fountain that cost $1,000. Their stock is up-to-date, embracing everything that can be called for in the line of drugs.

Widow Boyer and James H. Taylor are conducting a first class undertaking business. They are located at 1309 St. Philip street. Mr. Taylor is another young man of considerable promise, whom I remember very pleasantly as a most estimable gentleman. He has been connected with the firm but little over two years, yet he has made his push and tact in the business felt by the older firms. The paraphernalia of the firm is of the latest and most costly design.

Of the many physicians now practicing in New Orleans I met and conversed with the following: Dr. J. T. Newman, office 1320 Canal street, is in many respects a remarkable man. Notwithstanding his color he was visiting surgeon to the Charity Hospital, one of the largest and best equipped institutions of its kind anywhere to be found in the Union. He had charge of two surgical and two medical wards. He was surgeon in charge of Hathaway Home eight years and also served as member of Board of Health. Later he was appointed special Sanitary Inspector at large for the entire city. The doctor is now 52 years of age. The colored people will sustain quite a loss in the passing away of this grand old man. Dr. R. Frederick has recently cast his lot with the people as a physician. He is a graduate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Ill., and the Medical Department of the University of Illinois. He is very scholarly and thorough student of his profession. He is Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics in the local school of medicine. Dr. George H. Nelson, specialist on diseases of women, 1419 Turo street, is very popular and seems to enjoy quite a practice. Nelson was the first colored man commissioned in the Spanish-American war from Louisiana as first lieutenant. He served in Cuba with the 9th U. S. V. He was afterwards appointed by General Nelson A. Miles brigadier general, Spanish war veterans corps of Louisiana.

The George D. Geddes Undertaking Company limited is easily the largest colored establishment as well as the oldest of its kind in the city. Their building and main offices, 1726 Erato street, is very extensive. The company has a paid up capital stock of $12,000, incorporated under the laws of Louisiana, They run a coffin factory in connection with the business. I was somewhat surprised at the extent of the plant as I was being shown through Clem Geddes, the son of the founder, is a good fellow, and deserving of the big business the firm enjoys which comes to it largely through the popularity and thorough business instinct of young Geddes.

The Eureka Grocery Company, 1321 Tulane avenue, under the able management of E T. Simmons, is doing excellently. He has in charge a $500 stock, one delivery wagon and three employes. A ladies' refreshment department is run in connection with the grocery under the supervision of Mrs. Simmons.

J. D. HOWARD.

[To be Continued]

Washington, D. C., March 21, 1902.

Mr. G. L Knox and others, Indianapolis, Indiana.:

Dear Sirs—I have been impressed with the palpable unfairness with which the suffrage laws in the Southern States are administered. The constitutional rights of the colored citizens are utterly disregarded, and I hope that in the course of a few years conditions will be settled that will materially aid in the advancement of your race. I am highly gratified to know that such men as you and those associated with you, and the influential church you represent, are in sympathy with the movement and will co-operate to create a healthy sentiment in favor of justice and equality throughout the United States. Please extend my thanks to your associates and your church congregation for the complimentary message. E. D. CRUNPACKER.

What this Boy's Mother Says

has been said by the mothers of many other boys and girls, regarding the wonderful curative and strengthening qualities of

Dr. Miles' Nervine

HASTING, NEB.

"Our little boy, Harry, had spasms for 3 years and we feared the disease would affect his mind. Though we doctored continually he grew worse and had ten spasms in one week. Our attention was directed to Dr. Miles' Nervine and we began its use. When he had taken the fourth bottle the spasms disappeared and he has not had one for five years. His health now is perfect." MRS. B. M. TINDALL.

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists on guarantee to benefit or money refunded.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Representative Crumpacker has prevailed in securing the rule for his resolution providing for a committee of thirteen to investigate the representation of the Southern States in Congress. The Democrats are enraged at the progress of affairs and threaten all kinds of obstructions looking forward to the defeat of the resolutions. The Republicans, however, are determined to see the investigation through, which will be the means of furnishing data for future legislative action.

Frank B. Burke and Henry M. Spaan are not the Democratic party it will be admitted, but it is safe to say, that by their vicious utterances to the effect that Negroes are not wanted in the Democratic party, that organization will be held blameable unless it sits down on those political precosities.

For some unaccountable reason the would-be seller of his vote suffers much more in the general estimation than the would-be purchaser, when in fact the would-be purchaser is guilty of a double offense, in that he seduces, debauches as well as purchases.

Minutes of the seventh annual session of the Church of the Living Rod, which was held at Greenville, Texas, have been received. They bespeak an earnestness of that church which is doing its duty as it sees it. The next general assembly will be held at Wilton, Ark, Dec. 19–21, 1902.

Mr. Spaan accuses the colored voters of being on the political market. If Mr. Spaan et al. will stop visiting the market there would soon be no market.

A school for the colored teacher of Florida opened at Talahassee, March 17th, to continue for two months.

We beg leave to inform Mr. Spaan that vote selling was introduced by those who were able to buy.

SWELL MASK SOCIAL

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

place in every colored home in this neighboring town. By reading The Freeman you become acquainted with the achievements of the race throughout the country.

FUTRELL CITY NEWS.

The death of Mrs. Mary Commons on the 23d, was a shock to this little village. She was sick only two days. She leaves a husband and six children. She was a devout christian and an untiring worker in the cause of her Master. Miss Mattie Hankins has to meet the agent at the gate every Sunday morning to keep the dog off. Every resident of this village is preparing to make garden, and a pleasant time they are having. Remember G. W. Mathews has opened a first class grocery. Norway & Co.'s grocery has everything in that line.

News Notes.

Cadiz, O., Special.—Mrs. Nettie Wallace, of Bucktown, presented her husband with a very fine daughter last Friday evening. Mrs. Alice Tyler has returned home from Startle, O. Eugene Coahman has accepted a position with Mr. J. W. Osburn. Mr. J. T. Harris entertained the Tuesday night Bible Class a few nights ago and one gentlemen wore a blister on his finger shooting croconole. Mr. W. N. Miller has opened a fine grocery store. Please give him your patronage. The Cadiz agent for The Freeman desires every colored citizen to buy a copy every week and read the news of the race from the different parts of the United States.

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"Woodbine"

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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.—New Orleans, La. March 30-April 5.

'LADY AFRICA."—St. Louis, Mo., March, 24-30,

RUSCO & HOLLAND'S Minstrel—Valparaiso, 29; Hammond 30, (Home Sweet Home.)

LaShe says "How-de-doo" to everybody.

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Campbell Bros. with Gideon's Minstrels sends regards to William Grant and all friends.

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To Tom Logan—I will become an architect the first Wednesday in April. How is this?—A. E. H.

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Geo. F. Boquet, clarionetist with Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

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A Jean Jacque sends regards to Harry Prampin, Alex. Arment and Geo. Duff, Buddie Robison, Ed. Theodore and Nelsongen. Would like to hear from them.

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M. F. Montgomery, of Dallas, Tex., is the author of a very catchy and tuneful creation entitled "Eloise Two-Step." Address him at 176 Jefferson street and secure a copy.

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Ed. J. Looney, joined "Down in Mobile" company at Chicago on the 9th. inst. He sends regards to the Wang Doodle Comedy Four and says to Glenn 413, George is o. k.

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J. W. Mobley, will close his season with Gideon's Big Minstrels at Oskaloosa, Iowa and will spend the summer with relatives in Chicago, No. 752 Carroll avenue. Regards to friends.

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Perry Black, while playing Terre Haute with the "Down in Mobile," company was entertained by Bob Wilson and Harry Southern of the ill fated "Holiday in Coontown" company.

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Amos L. Gilliard, trombone soloist with Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession and would like to hear from Kid Alston, S. E. Dodd, Geo. Bailey and Fletcher.

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Miss Lizzie Perry, (the Jewish Creole) met with a painful accident in the shape of a severe fall, Saturday, 15, which rendered her unconscious for 31 minutes. She is rapidly improving and will be able to resume her work soon.

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Daniel E Washington, manager of Pawnee Bill's Big Concert company is in San Antonia, Texas on business. He has a two nights engagement in Nexico showing the Mexicans how the cake walk is done. He will then return home and take a few weeks rest before resuming his duties as manager with Pawnee Bill's Big Concert company. He and his company including Mrs. Washington will join the Pawnee Bill Show, May 3rd at Philadelphia, Pa. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery and Gordon C. Collins, also to the entire company.

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Dick Williams, late of McCabe & Young's Minstrels is in St. Paul getting talent for Thomas and Manerretts Big Daisy Day in Coonville Co. Mr. Williams gives the Dan McCabe show a very bad name. Regards to Geo. Hackett and others.

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Bailey and Spiller close the season with Rusco & Hollands Big Minstrel Festival at Hammond, Ind., and will spend their vacation in Chicago, Ill, at 339—30th street. They send regards to all friends.

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Johnson and Reid are preparing a new act for next season which they will carry their own scenery for. They are booked with Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival. Regards to Tray & Lewis, Frank Clermont and Walker, the trap drummer.

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Clarksville, Tenn., notes:—Elder's Opera House, James Wood, manager: "An Irishman's Troubles" had a run on the boards the 20 22. Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels played to fair business on the 24th. George Wilson, the old time favorite scored his usual hit notwithstanding the fact that that he has long since been relegated to the rear as a by gone. Management now booking noteworthy attractions to put on the red hot finish.

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A feature of Gideon's Minstrels was the appearance of Harry Watters, the original "Rastus" who gave a most wonderful exhibition of his powers as a mimic about three weeks ago while performing in Lincoln, Nebraska. Waters gave his imitation of a crying baby. A prominent society lady, herself a mother of several lusty brats was so taken with Mr. Waters powers of mimicry that she sent for him, entertained him at her home and presented him with a diamond scarf pin in honor of the occasion.

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Notes from the Exchange Garden Theatre, Jacksonville Fla., Prof. J. M. Robinson, Jr. manager:—We are still playing to good business and the patrons are much pleased at the new shows introduced. "Hanna from Savannah" a comedy drama in three acts was played very strong by the entire company. The following persons are on the bill this week. Misses Pauline Cottrell, Carrie Hall, Pearl Wood, Ida Larkins, Annie Jones and Lottie Dempsey, Samuel Roberts, Dennis Mitchel and the team of Miller and Robinson of New York, better known as Tuckett and Luckett, they are making good and send regards to Harry Jackson, Williams & Walker and the "Wallhollows."

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The Nightingale Quartette after having closed a successful season with Rusco & Holland's Nashville Students and Uncle Tom's Cabin company in Iowa, is now permanently located in Chicago. The quartette is compose of Messers J. A. Jones, John L. Johnson, Sidney Kirk and Wm. T. Good. They have many flattering offers to travel with various companies but have declined them all preferring to remain in the Windy City. Mail addressed to them through the courtesy of Howley, Haviland & Dresser or the Barnes and Freeman, Vaudeville Association Bureau will reach them.

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Frank Clermont, with Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival, writes:—After a successful tour of 21 months, the members of the above company will celebrate it by giving a grand Easter entertainment and ball at Chicago, Ill., Monday March, 31 at the Metropole Hall on 31st and 5th avenue. Curtain at 8.30 p. m. Dancing till 3 a. m. Committee, Frank Clermont, chairman; Marsh Craig, treasurer; George Bailey, secretary; Dick Thomas, W. E. Berry and Chas. R. Parker. Prof. Jas. S. Lacy will tender to his Chicago friends a free band concert at 7 o'clock p. m. on that evening in front of the Metropole hall.

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Notes from the McKanlass Alabama Warblers:—We have now been playing in British Columbia three weeks to good business. We have met quite a lot of colored men and women here and they are all doing well in quite a different line of business. At Fern we met Mr. St. Clair Roberts a colored coal miner who is a licensed workman and belongs to the white union. He is said to be the best workman in the mine. At Elko we met nine colored women and three colored men all living in and owning their own homes and doing well. At Nelson we met 25 colored people doing well and in all kinds of business. The Loudin Brothers of Nelson, are relatives of the F. J. Loudin of the Fisk Jubilee Singers fame. Fred Loudin was caught in a snow slide and lost his life. His brother left with his remains for Columbus, O. Other prospectors of color who have valuable minning property are J. C. Butler of New Denver. J. B. Thompson and Isaac Robinson of Slocan City, who have a number of very valuable claims. These men have been in this country prospecting for 11 years. C. K. Skales of Slocan City is a very fine painter and decorator. He has a nice store and quite a nice stock of goods on hand. He gave the Warblers a banquet and entertained royally while we were in Slocan City.

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Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels:—We are now in Georgia doing business where others fail. The members of this company held a meeting last week. A big sum was realized for the benefit of dressing each members state room. Now to pass through this car one would imagine they were passing through the streets of Cairo or on the midway of a street fair. We have two studios, two reading rooms, one smoking room, one writing room, two parlors, two club rooms, one sitting room and one theatre for the pleasure of the members. In next week's Freeman we will state whose stateroom won the prize. At Thomasville Ga., we turned away over 150 people. The company sends regards to Mr. Sam Johnson, F. Castry, F. Miller De Muse and H. McCamon.

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Notes from the Moore Family Shows, Mount Brook, Fla.;—The Novelty Trio all around performers are meeting with great success. All the members of the trio play parts and do high-class turns. Managers looking for good performers for parks or summer resorts would do well to address. Howe, Bluford and Johnson, care Moore's Shows, High Springs, Fla. Horace Murray the bluffer is taking them off their feet with. "When the Sun do Shine." Black Jack champion buck dancer joined recently and is mighty fine. The Ruttons in a high class juggling act are a pleasing feature of the bill. Edith Moore, the child soubrette, wins the hearts of her auditors as soon as she appears, while Clyde Moore is king of all the young clowns. C. J. Johnson is getting his with his wire-walking and contortion act. Baby Bluford is still using his famous hit, "Go Way Back." Happy A. Horne, the Southern favorite is cleaning up with his break-neck song and dance. We send regards to Tom Logan, Floyd & Reeves, and Jessie Thomas.

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Speaking of the return of Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain from Honolulu recalls what the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, recently said of them in their comedy, "My Friend From Georgia," in which they will star jointly in this country:

"Hogan's capabilities are well known but in Billy McClain, a former partner. he has support which is the best he has ever received. McClain is an actor. He is not only a dancer, the best Negro minstrel, speaking of that genius as created in the days of Carncross and Haverly, of Billy Rice and Billy Emerson, that has been seen here in years but in fact he has made some strides along the way and his posse, his quiet demeanor and his command of a situation show real dramatic instinct. Wise as a black face Hebrew, was fairly good there being a straining at some points, but with all a careful representation of the anxious real estate man. Mrs. McClain was seen to advantage and the return of Laura Moss, the "bronze" Patti, with the quartette, gave a needed lift to the quality of the choruses. The best song of the evening was the new "My Sweet Moano" written by Wise and the music by Hogan, sung by Miss Mamie Harris. The most striking specialty was the burlesque hula "Tommy Tommy" in which Kitty Milton, Wise and Hogan (who wrote it) sang and danced, the first named giving a touch of the hula which made the whole go so well that the trio ran out of verses and had to stop. Altogether there was just enough of specialty to take the performance out of the pure dramatic and a sufficient story to keep up the interest.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York:—Tom Brown, the clever mimic assisted by Siren, the renowned soubrette and dancer was on the bill at the New York Theatre on the evening of March 20, and it is putting it mildly in saying that "the greatest enthusiam prevailed at every turn."—Mr. Brown was compelled to take seven encores. In fact he has made the biggest hit of the season at the New York. The Norris'-Wesly and Corinne-are at the Brooklin Music Hall this week.—The rehearsals for the mammoth benefit entertainment in the interest of the Colored Industrial school to be given at Carnegie Lyceum, April, 18 are progressing nicely. Messrs. Bob Cole, Rosamond Johnson and Chas. Sager are working like beavers to make it a success.—J. M. Moore and his company arrived in the city Sunday from Philadelphia, having finished a successful short season with the French Maid Burlesquers. Among those in the company were Misses Etta Minor, Midget Price, Clara Newcomb, Mattie Phillips and Marie Bolden; Johnson and Murphy, J. Frank Delyons, Thomas Fletcher and C. W. Williams.—P. G. Lowery, the celebrated cornetist and his band are expected in the city next week. They go with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros.' show again the coming season. Mabel Turner and Anetta Fagan, who are under the management of B. M. Butler are appearing this week at the American Theatre.—Goggin & Davis, comedy acrobats appeared on the program at the New York Theatre Monday of last week. They are booked to appear at Hyde & Behmans, Brooklyn, week commencing March 31. Jack Watkins, lyric tenor, for several seasons with Mahara's Minstrels in the West has returned to the Metropolis.—Jones, Grant and Jones spent last week in the city.—Murphy & Slater after making a big hit at Keith's Union Square Theatre, last week are doing the same thing at Proctor's 23rd Street Theatre this week.—Williams & Walker were a big hit at the Mew York Theatre all the week.—Rastus and Banks are in town after successful engagements in the East. They are booked to appear at Keith's Boston house with Hyde & Behman's Brooklyn to follow. Billy Yeager of that popular sketch team of Yeager and Yeager, has a contract for an engagement at the Howard, Boston.—The Four-in-hand quartette, composed as follows; Ambrose Davis, Melbourne Stackhouse, Wm. Johnson and Arthur Wilmore, have been engaged for P. G. Lowery's Vaudeville with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros.' shows for the coming season.—Shepard N. Edmonds was at the New York Theatre Sunday night.—Margaret Scott is on her second week at the Atlantic Garden.—Bob Cole, Avery and Hart, and Billy Johnson were on the program at the New York Theatre Sunday night. Luke and Martha Pulley are being featured in a mammoth production of Uncle Tom's Cabin at the American Teeatre this week. Mr. Pully has secured a large number of clever singers and dancers and the company is making a big hit. Mme Pulley brings down the house with her singing of "My African Pearl" and 'My Bamboo Queen' being assisted by a chorus of forty well trained voices. Among those with the company are, Mme. Robinson, Etta Miner, Marie Bolden, Ida Green, Mary Miller, Anna Asbury, Ethel Kelly, Julia Jackson, Ritchie and Francis, Mrs. McKissick, Miss M. Wynkoop, Misses L. Norris and Allie Hatcher, Belle Phillips, Emma Wilmer, Grace Hoyt, Cora Jones, Ella Robinson, L. F. Vierra, W. Cronick, Merrit Landers, Lewis Carter, Winston Cunningham, Will Cheshire, James Richmond, Clint Jackson, Jack Watkins and Albert Madison. All are readers of the Freeman —A testimonial benefit was tendered Sam Lucas, the veteran performer, who is now ill, by his many friends on the evening of March 24 at the Murray Hill Lyceum. Watch for write-up in the coming issue. Regards to Billy McClain.

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HAPPENINGS IN OLD KENTUCKY

Prices Coonvill e Specialty Company Now Being Organized.—Rev. S. R. Reid Preached the Annual Sermon For the Knights of Pythias—A General Gleaning of News.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Mrs. Emma Utterback, of Mayfield neice of Mrs. Georgia Leverter passed through the city en route to St. Louis to attend the bedside of her sick sister, Mrs. Mary Anderson. Curtis Gardner, nephew of Burs Intrell, who has been visiting his uncle, William Intrell of Cairo, Ill., passed through our city enroute to Murry Ky., his home. David Vinegar, who died in St. Louis a few days ago was brought here for burial on the 22 inst. The Knights of Pythias had their annual sermon at Burks Chaple last Sunday evening. The Rev. S. R. Reid, pastor delivered an eloquent discourse upon "Brotherly Love, and the Tie That Binds." Dr. V. J. Davis and Benjamin Campbell both gave minute details of the foundation, progres and elevation of this organization. The program was an excellent one. The Big 4 band led the parade. Messrs. Chas Leverter and Platt Snead have opened a shaving parlor near the N. C. & St. L. depot. Mrs. Addie D. Ore, of Mayfield who died at the home of her mother Mrs. Mattie Waters on 8th street leaves a beautiful testimony together with a loving letter to be read by the pastor of her church. Mrs. Maggie Holt of Clay street entertained the Living Vine Club Tuesday at her residence. Miss Irene Ray at present attending the State Normal at Frankfort Ky., is very very busy arranging some vocal selections for Easter. If you are hungry call at the new restaurant corner 9th and Trimble street. Mrs Laura Alexander continues to win laurals singing "Honey Stay in Your Own Back Yard." Mrs. Irene Jackson has been appointed general agent for the Western Chemical company for their Ozona and other preperations. She has a large stock of goads and can be found at 407 S. 7th-st.

Joe Bunnell has captured Harlem at Hurtig & Seamon's Music Hall with the manner he renders, Ren Shield & Billee Taylor's "It's for Her, Her, Her."

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Minstrels, Comedians and Singers.

[Under the above headline will appear a series of articles concerning Negro celebrities of the past and present as they have been remembered by the writer. The articles will be critical as well as complimentary. We make this last remark because colored folks generally wish to have their vanity tickled altogether instead of a stitch taken in their conceit now and then. Other Negro celebrities are to follow.—Ed]

Among the names of the old-time Negro minstrels we should not forget that of Sam Lucas, who was a much better comedian, however, than a minstrel. And here we might is well define the position of a comedian, briefly, without consulting Webster: A comedian, as we see him, as a man who can delineate several characters without over-drawing them. Sam Lucas was a good minstrel, but a better comedian. His ability as a comedian was early established when he played all the male heavy parts with the Hyers sisters many years ago, before we were out of pinafores, and later when he came into prominence as our most correct portrait of Uncle Tom. His Uncle Tom was excellent—in fact, as sublime as Peter Jackson's was ridiculous. Our memory permits us to recall only one man who left the light roles for the "legitimate" that could in any way approach Lucas's interpretation of Uncle Tom, and that man was Milt. G. Barlow, another old-time minstrel of our neighboring race. Besides Lucas and Barlow, other Uncle Toms were caricaturists who probably had an idea that Harriet Beecher Stowe created this sympathetic character for Puck and Judge, considering the ugly and miserable drawings they made from it. Sam Lucas's name will go down to history as an intelligent comedian and actor, but how it must have galled him to live to see the day when his name must be printed in small type as an underliner in a troupe in which Cole & Johnson, coon song writers, were the stars! And to think that Lucas was in the business when their mothers must leave them in the nursery while they went to see him perform.

What Ernest Hogan lacks in his ability as a comedian he adds in his ingenious methods of advertising. During the race riot in New York a few summers ago, Hogan got his name in print oftener than any other unbleached American in Gotham at that time. His name was "up in the air" as it were. Hogan married a beautiful California white girl, daughter of a ranchman. After she divorced him, Hogan got a long advertisement in the leading newspapers of San Francisco and New York reciting the story of his love and marriage. He was out in a skiff in the Pacific ocean with his prospective bride one afternoon, (in a skiff in the Pacific Ocean, now mark you!) when he told her of his undying love and how he could float on, on the crest of the waves and billows of the sea forever! Meanwhile, so his story goes, he was to pay a dollar an hour for the skiff, had been out nearly all of the afternoon, and had only 30 cents! Paradoxical as it may seem, after Hogan was divorced he was bright enough to realize the advantage of the advertisement, in dollars and cents, and wrote "All Coons Look Alike to Me." It gained popularity instanter and was whistled and sung all over the country. The organ grinders got hold of it and it got into the phonograph. It was printed and sung in several tongues and got into all the music and concert halls abroad. No song in recent years, excepting, perhaps, "Boom-ta-ra-ra, Boom-de-ay" or Harris' "After the Ball," was given as much prominence as this crude conceit of Hogan's. He also wrote "Pas-ma-la" and other oddities. He was a successful figure in "In Old Kaintuck" and appeared as a co-star with Sissieretta Jones in the Black Patti Troubadours. Later the newspapers got hold of him again and had him buying a brown stone front in Twenty-fifth street, New York, where, it was said, he would devote his time exclusively to the writing of coon songs, but he broke out of the brown stone front some way or another and took a troupe over to Honolulu, where, having got into a hot dispute with some nobleman, Hogan became insulted and told the high chair that inasmuch as he was from Kentucky, the dispute would have to be shot out. While the high chair was considering the proposition, Hogan, growing alarmed for fear he might accept, got Billy McClain and his company together and hurried back to the states in time to tell how it all happened before it got cold on the wires leading into the offices of the telegraph editors. Hogan is a clever comedian and a good performer, and can beat anybody with the possible exception of Bert Williams and Bob Cole singing a coon song, but we should the more willingly prefer to read his advertisements than to hear him sing or to see him act. As an actor, he is a genius. As an advertiser, he is ingenious. Theatergoers, however, will best remember Hogan as a performer when he was traveling about the country with two or three pickanninies who were assisting him with a bright "twin." It is believed Hogan was the first performer to introduce the pickanniny idea. We could tell a lot more things about the unbleached American, but we must stop.

We have talked so much about Hogan (and this is not an advertisement, either!) that we are compelled to leave Billy McClain, Jack Evans, Charley Pope, Billy Eldridge, Billy Johnson, Harry Eaton, Billy Young and Dan McCabe, whom we had intended to talk about in this issue, over for another week.

I. McCORKER.

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Kenton News.

Kenton, O., Special.—We are having some snow up north as we had began to think that spring was here. Mrs. Chas. Johnson was called to Columbus, Ohio, Sunday morning, March 16, on account of the death of her cousin. Mrs. Lida Tawkins, Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Lear Daniels are on the sick list. The festival given at the Second Baptist on Saturday night, March 15, was a grand success. The Hiram Chapter No. 3 held a call meeting Wednesday night, 17th. I hope to see all the Knights Templars Thursday night. By order of the E. M. Commander.

According to the "Music Hall and Theatre Review" of London, England, Marguerite Fish and company is creating favorable comment in a pretty little setting to John Stromberg's "My Japanese Cherry Blossom" at the Canterbury Music Hall; this was Fay Templeton's great vehicle at Weber & Fields' Music Hall.

REV. EDWARD L. GILLIAM, EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS NOTES.

To-morrow is Easter and appropriate services will be held in the churches.

Bishops A. Walters and A. Grant, and Rev. E. A. White were in the city last week.

It is reported that Rev. R. J. Perkins will not accept the call to the Second Baptist church as pastor.

Mrs. R. S. Gillam, mother of the editor has been quite ill in Cleveland, O., but is now convalescent.

Rev. John Downs, a superannuated preacher of the Lexington conference died at his home in Muncie and was buried last Sunday.

One of the members of the Conference now in session at Cincinnati, will preach at Simpson Chapel morning and night. A special program has been prepared for the morning service.

The editor is attending his annual conference in Cincinnati as is also Rev. G. A. Sissle and Mrs. Cassie Jackson, president of the Indiana Woman's Missionary society. The conference will adjourn on Monday.

Our Baptist brethren are justly elated over their success in securing the deed for their college property. They will push the canvass for funds to meet future payments and hope to open the school next September.

The daily papers freely make reference to the activity of the churches and pators in the recent campaign. It is to be regretted that some ground exists for the uncomplimentary things which are said. The pastors should keep out of active participation in the city campaigns, and should have it definitely and positively understood that our churches will not be prostituted to political uses.

The trustees of Allen Chapel who had entered suit against Mrs. Luella Walden for posession of her property under a reported will of her late husband, have after investigation, withdrawn the suit, having satisfied themselves that there were no good grounds for the same. This is a cause for congratulation to the Methodists of the city. The prosecution of this suit against a widow would not have reflected any honor upon the churches.

The Ministerial Union had an interesting session last Wednesday and hopes to have the co-operation of every pastor in the city. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday at 2 o'clock, at Simpson Chapel. The Baptist Ministers Alliance hold their regular meeting each Monday 10 a. m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

The editor is not in politics but recent utterances of the leaders of the local democracy seem to point to the fact that the Negroes who have been affiliating with that party, if they would retain their self-respect must go to some other party. Mr. Burke's utterances were followed by others in the same strain before the German-American Democratic club at its annual election, Thursday March, 20.; by Henry N. Spaan. Alas! poor Negro! Where shall he go, and what shall he do? The Tillman spirit is taking hold here in Indiana.

Rev. R. D. Stinson, D. D., the collecting agent of Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, Ga., is doing an excellent work for that institution in bringing it before the public and is securing substantial aid.

AFRO-AMERICAN UNION

The Christian Recorder representing the interests of one of the largest of our Afro-American Methodist denominations, makes the suggestion that the approaching session of the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held in May, would be an opportune time for consultation and possible action on the subject of an organic union of all Afro-American Methodist Churches into a single denomination—a project which was launched in a tenative sort of way by Rev. Dr. J. F. Goucher in a paper read by him before the Ecumenical Conference in London last September. The Recorder has opened its columns for a preliminary consideration and symposium of views concerning the suggested movement, to which it invites contributors. Such a union would make a denomination of over a million and a half of members and much can be said in favor of it; while doubtless there will also be found reasons for going slow in the direction indicated.

TO BE TRIED FOR HERESY.

M'Pherson, Kan., March, 20.—Rev. Granville, Louther, D. D., pastor of a local church was served with papers at a Methodist Episcopal conference here charging him with heresy and setting forth that he would be tried at Arkansas City, Kan., on March, 26. Rev. Louther is charged with making and teaching the following doctrines in violation of of the Confession of Faith and the Cathecism:

"That the serpent who talked to Eve was a man, one of a race to which she and Adam belonged; that he had not come into a consciousness of God, therefore, was classed with the beasts and that there were other inhabitants or members of the race; if not, how did Cain find his wife in the land of Nod, where none of Adam's children except Cain had gone; if not, whence came the daughters of men whom the sons of God took for their wives? The reasonable interpretation is that the decendants of Adam were called the sons of God because having entered into a conscious knowledge of God, they would claim Him as their creator and worship Him. The others not knowing God were called sons and daughters of men.

"That Adam and Eve as first created had no perception of their obligations of obedience; that in eating of the fruit of the tree of good and evil they had done nothing except what the others about them were doing and what they themselves had formerly done, that is live like beasts, but they had a higher vision of spiritual things than formerly and consequently they felt guilt.

"That Christ died for men to show men how to die for man; that his willingness to die for man should be multiplied by exactly the number of disciples of Christ and that the atonement can never be completed until this idea prevails."

BOWLING GREEN NOTES.

The reception tendered Rev. H. W. Simmons at his church on Sunday afternoon was a pleasant affair. Addresses were made by Revs. A. Jackson and J. J. Evans of the A. M. E. Church; Revs. H. D. Carpenter and C. G. Fishback, B. D. of the Baptist church and Prof. G. W. Jackson of this city. A large concourse of the leading citizens was present. The general expression is for his return. Leonard Cox and Herbert Price died on the 15th. Their funerals took place at the M E and A. M. E. churches, respectively.—Mrs. Woodson of Lima, O., is visiting her sister-inlaw, Mrs. I. G. Fishback. Our physicians, Drs. O. D. Porter and J. B. Hughes; Grocer, M. L. Browder; Undertaker, J. E. Kuykendall, all are prospering. Mr. George Fleming and Miss Ida Browning are filling orders rapidly. Miss Malinda Hinton returned from Nashville, Tenn., much improvrd. The Virgin rally at the College-st. M. E. church on the 23 promises to be a great success. Go to Browder and Co., for groceries. Mrs. Will Edwards is our successful young carpenter.

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The close of the twenty-sixth year of this institution took place Feb. 26. An audience of some five thousand of Nashville's most representative citizens filled the Gospel Tabernacle. The annual address was made by secretary Thirkield, and the degrees of M. D. conferred upon 56 graduates in the medical department; there were also six from the pharmaceutical and three from the dental department. Miss Davis one of the graduates is the first to graduate from the dental department. Meharry is said to be the largest colored medical college in the world. The enrollment has steadily grown since the beginning in 1876 when there were nine, until 1901 with an enrollment of 217. The total number of graduates is 505.

Of the graduates now living, one is a printer, one a pharmacist, two medical missionaries, one a bishop of the A. M. E. Church, three are preachers, three permanently disabled on account of sickness, eleven are teachers, one a dentist, the occupation of 11 is unknown and 366 are practicing medicine. These graduates stand high in their profession and Meharry occupies a conspicuous place among the many medical institutions of the country.

An Open Letter to Young Men.

To the young men of Avery Chapel, who are my associates fighting under the blood stained banner of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Greeting:

With pleasure I address you all from my sick bed, where I have lain so long under the chastening hand of God. But through it all He has given me the faith which shines brighter and clearer as the darkness gathers around my soul. Oh how sweet it is to have such a God to depend on. I wish this morning that I could express in words my mighty experience since I have been shut in from the outside world, to be alone with God.

By the help of God I will say this much: The grand old church which He established is to be your earthly strength. Stand by her in every honest undertaking. Put her in front of all other things. Stick to her when everything seem to go wrong, for by your righteousness she may be lead in the pure and perfect way. Be earnest and ready for every good work. You may not be able to see the fruits of giving to the cause of Christ now, but those of you whose mission on earth is to do that, will know by and by.

You who are called upon to sing in her choir may not be able to see the good there is in such service, but will soon find it out. You that are class leaders, Sunday school teachers, clerks, stewards and a host of other things which you call little, will in the near future be able to cry out, "O, that was food for my hungry soul, and I knew it not!" Like Jacob of old, catch hold of that angel of talent and wrestle with it until you get a blessing by bringing it under the service of God. Wrestle, though it may sometimes give you a wound by forcing you to give up your carnal pleasures, but it will be glad tidings for the soul.

There is one reason I have learned to love the works of Rudyard Kipling. When laying near death's door, we are told he was heard to utter the words, "I want my Heavenly Father, He only can care for me." Let us all get closer to God, my comrades, while in health. Then it is so sweet to lay down on your bed of affliction, to which we all must come, and look back over the past and see the picture of all the good we have done, held so sweetly by the Holy Spirit before our face.

My brethren hasten on in the battle for God and humanity, as the same old serpent that beguiled Eve, the mother of creation, is just as busy now as ever. Learn more about that old Dragon because he knows more about us than we do ourselves. While you all are rejoicing because you are safe aboard the old Gospel Ship, do not forget the gamblers, drunkards and all those who are on the wrong track, for they are our brethren. Now pray that I may soon be able to take my station among you, if such be God's will, if not, let His will be done.

What can it be?
That it doth long
To be made free,
This is my song.

It is the part
Which never dies,
Life, mind and heart,
The Lord replies.

Yours in Christ,
E. W. SADDLER,
27 Turley St., Memphis, Tenn.

News Items.

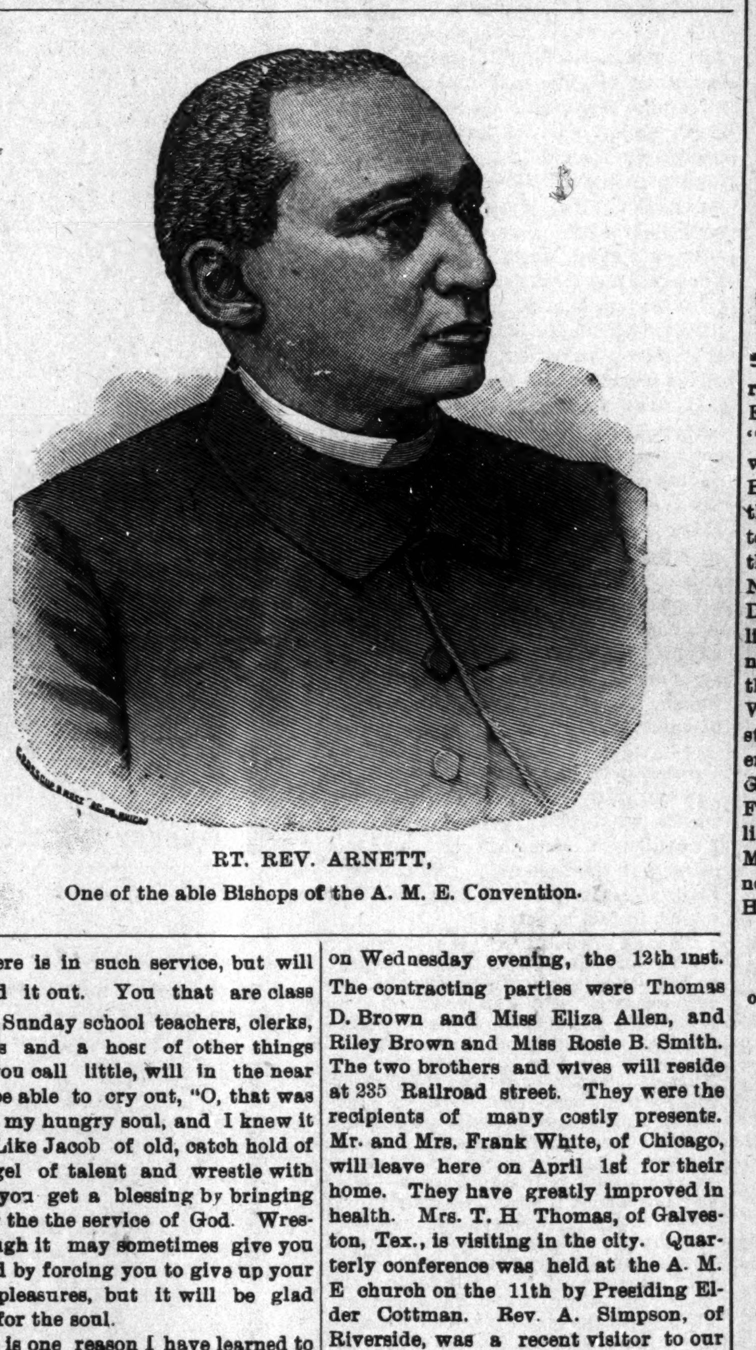
Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—There will be a grand sacred concert given at Golden hall. We as a rule give it in the churches. We tried to give it in the A. M. E. church but they refused us. The Rev. Johnson was willing but the others were not. On the following Sunday we shall present to the Baptist church some of the proceeds after expenses are paid out of it. We have a fine quartette with us which is called the Magnolia Four, Joseph Martin manager. The Freeman can be had from Ruffus young, 416 Jefferson street Buffalo N.Y.

Juicy, Jarring Jotting.

Alton, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Minerva Slaughter, accompanied by her son Walker, went to Shipman, Ill., on the 15th to visit her sick mother, Mrs S. F. Stewart. Little Alberta Russell is ill. Lawrence Slaughter, Calvin Payne, Florence Burke, Alfred Walker and little Florence Cross are on the sick list. M. Alice Howard represented Allen Sunday school at the convention in East St. Louis, on the 22d. Vetel Howard has opened a shoe repair shop at the old stand occupied by the late A. H. Bell, 1900 Common street, Middleton. Members and friends of the Second Baptist church, Upper Alton, surprised their pastor, Rev. J. W. Otey and wife, a few evenings ago, by carrying them a pound party. They were the recipients of many presents, including several pieces of money. Refreshments were served in abundance. George Scruggs died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Scruggs, on the 19th inst., at the age of 22 years. Rev. L. J. Johnson, of East St. Louis, visited here last week.

A Double Wedding.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—There was a double wedding at Santamonica on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst. The contracting parties were Thomas D. Brown and Miss Eliza Allen, and Riley Brown and Miss Rosie B. Smith. The two brothers and wives will reside at 235 Railroad street. They were the recipients of many costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, of Chicago, will leave here on April 1st for their home. They have greatly improved in health. Mrs. T. H. Thomas, of Galveston, Tex., is visiting in the city. Quarterly conference was held at the A. M. E church on the 11th by Presiding Elder Cottman. Rev. A. Simpson, of Riverside, was a recent visitor to our city. A. S. Webb, valet of W. A. Clark, Jr., of Butte, Mont., is in the city, stopping at the Vannuys hotel. Mr. Woods, formerly of Indianapolis, was buried on the 12th. The colored population of this city is increasing rapidly. Colored waiters are in great demand here.



RT. REV. ARNETT,
One of the able Bishops of the A. M. E. Convention.

News Items.

South Bend, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Dr. Hickman entertained the Eastern Star Reading Circle Tuesday afternoon at her home on Birdsell street. Dainty refreshments were served. The St. P Ruffin club was entertained by Miss Della Wango at the home of Mrs. F. Johnson Napier street. After different topics had been discussed, light refreshments were served. There will be a Red Cross banquet given by the Anderson Commandery, K. T., Easter Monday evening at the Harrison Club rooms Colfax avenue. The ladies home circle met with Mrs. Alma Simpson Thursday afternoon. The revival meeting is closed at Olivet Chapel. Rev. Carter filled the Mt. Zion Baptist pulpit Sunday on account of the pastors absence. Mr. G. W. Bland, headwaiter at the Oliver Hotel and wife are residing at the residence of Mrs. Jasper Saunders 720 W. Monroe street. Miss Callie James leaves for a visit to Detroit during Easter week. Mr. James Mitchell is slowly improving. South Bend was visited by a cold wave.

Dayton (O.) News Items.

Dayton, O., Special.—A drama was rendered at the colored K. of P. Hall on Friday night, March 14, entitled the "Wrong Baggage." The performers were Misses McGruder, Brant, Todd, Hunter, Singleton and Taylor. During the performance Miss Stella Todd, Dayton's prima donna, sang "I Wants to be the Leading Lady," and Mr. Warmack, New York's famous "Coon Temperance Ditty," "Its Good-bye Booze" and Williams and Walker's latest hits, "Phrenologist Coon" and "In My Castle on the Nile." Music arranged by Prof. Wm. H. Taylor. Clarence Warmack stage manager. The proceeds of the entertainment go to the Young Ladies' Gymnasium club. Don't miss The Freeman. You will find it at the Williams Brothers' barber shop, 35½ South Main street, every Saturday. Send your news for The Freeman to the agent, W. H. Broadnax.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Charles L. Marshall, principal and E. A. Long, treasurer of the Christianburg Industrial Institute, located at Cambria, Va., have together recently purchased a farm of eighty five acres which they propose to make a model one and teach the dignity of agriculture to young men who attend the institute. Both of these young men are graduates of the Tuskegee Institute, class of '95. Mr. Marshall having been valedictorian and Mr Long salutarian of the class. Their action attests the practical value of Booker Washington's advice to his graduates to the effect that they purchase and cultivate land. In appreciation of their services to the institution the board who has control of the school recently voted to extend their salaries, running eight months heretofore, to run twelve months. The school under their charge has recently erected a barn costing upward of $2,000, and is now making preparation to erect a two-story brick dormitory and a trades building. It is said to be the coming industrial institute in Southwest Virginia.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell has returned from Holyoke, Mass., where she lectured to an immense audience on 'The Bright Side of a Dark Subject," under the auspices of the Y M. C. A. Stopping in New York en route home she was shown marked courtesies by Prof. Booker T. Washington, being accorded a box at the great Carnegie Institute the evening he spoke there. Through the kindness of Mr. William Schiefelin, she was presented to Prince Henry at the Waldorf Astoria. Mrs: Terrell speaks enthusiastically of the cordiality with which she was received by the Prince and his guests.

Sixty six colored students graduated from Meharry Medical College on Feb. 28th, at Nashville Tenn.

Colored doctors in Memphis Tenn are organizing to build a hospital for training nurses. This is another good enterprise for the race.

Mrs. Elma Brewster Brick, who died at the age of 80 in her home in Brooklyn, Febuary 3rd, bequeaths in her will, which was filed last week, a great portion of her estate, which si said to be worth nearly $1,000,000, to charities in which she has been interested for 50 years. To the St. Joseph Brick Agricultural Industrial and Normal School, in Edgecombe county, N. C. the bulk of her property goes. The American Missionary Association is to take charge of this bequest, the exact value of which could not be learned. This school has been one of Mrs Brick's particular cares. It was named in memory of her husband, who died a generation ago, and is for the education of negro boys and girls.

Miss Jessie Fauset, a colored young lady, daughter of Rev. Redmond Fauset, who graduated from the Philadelphia High School last June winning the Alumnae Scholorship at Cornell University This scholarship will pay her expenses through the University.

In the Rowlands prize oration contest six seniors of Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y., took part. Samuel Howard Archer, of Petersburg, Va., won the prize of $50. Archer is a negro.

Wyatt Bryan, of Jefferson City, Mo., was granted by the lower court a verdict for $7,605 from the $400,000 estate of Chas. Bradford as compensation for services to the deceased as body servant and nurse. He brought a claim against the estate for $8,000. It occasionally happens that a Negro can get a part of what is due him through the courts, but too often is it his misfortune to get too much of what he dislikes.

Since Booker Washington has dined with the Rockfellers and even Prince Henry has grasped the opportunity to converse with him, it shows that President Roosevelt is not the only one who sees the importance of such a distinguished leader.

Dr. Frissell has invited Rev. C. I. Withrow to speak at the anniversary exercises of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute April 23.

Milwaukee's colored population did honor to Prince Henry and presented him with a token of their regard. The colored men appeared at the mayor's office in the city hall and made known their intention of presenting Prince Henry with an evidence of their regard, and the gift was displayed to the admiring throng that crowded the office. Afterwards it was removed to the Hotel Pfister. The gift is in the nature of an aquarium. It is in the form of a tripod and stands about three feet in height. The tripod is made of bamboo pieces. There are two shelves, on each of which rest the glass globes containing goldfish. The upper globe is considerably smaller than the lower one. Surmounting the whole is an elaborate bunch of flowers.

Little News Items.

Lake City, Fla., Special.—The B. Y. P. U. was well attended on Sunday, the 16th, at the Second Baptist church. The subject discussed was "Christian character." The new belfry greatly enhances the beauty of that church. Rev. Rivals is dangerously ill. He has been reappointed pastor of the A. M. E. church. Miss E. E. Benton has closed her school and returned home to the joy of many friends. The city public school closed on the 28th. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gillie Jones a daughter on the 8th inst. Mother and child doing well.

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Fitz Is After the Title.

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"But you would get more money at the fight if it is held in 'Frisco before the racing crowds leave there," suggested some one. To which Fitzsimmons replied: "If it is a question of money or a chance to win the fight I will throw away the money before I will throw away my chances. Don't overlook that. If you think I am going into this fight just for the money there is in it you are mistaken. There is a difference of 20 per cent between the winner's and loser's end, and we will also fight 'winner take all' as respects the title."

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A press dispatch of Thursday, March 13, says that prize fights between heavy weights or Negroes will be barred in Louisville in the future. This is the substance of an order issued by Chairman Brennan, of the Board of Public Safety, to the fight promoters of that city. The new rule was adopted, it is stated, on account of the reports that an attempt would be made to have the fight between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons take place there. Under the new rule the bouts which had been arranged to take place in that city on Derby night, May 3, between Sharkey and Choynski and Ruhlin and Maher will have to be declared off. The Board of Safety has also decided that no boxing will be allowed to take place until the principals have been examined by a physician and pronounced to be in first class physical condition, and only declared seconds will be allowed in the boxers' corners.

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Thursday night, March 13, Joe Walcott and "Young" Peter Jackson fought ten rounds to a draw before the Eureka Athletic club. It was one of the fiercest battles ever seen there, and three thousand people saw it. Under the conditions of the match Wolcott was to put Jackson out or get no part of the gate money. They went at it hammer and tongs at the start and kept it up to the finish, both men being rather groggy at times, but finishing strong. It might have been anybod's fight at any stage, and though the sympathies of the audience were with Jackson, a local man, they were well satisfied with the decision of Referee George Mantz. Jackson showed marked improvement over his form in November last, when Wolcott made a chopping block of him, but could not put him out. It seems that these "Young" Peter Jacksons and "Young" Corbetts would finally prove more invincible than their elders.

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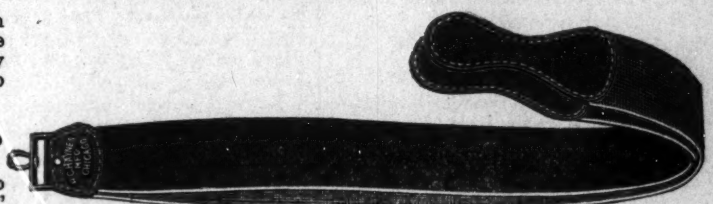

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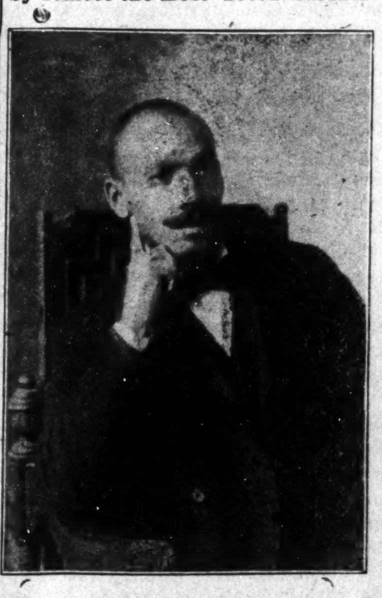

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Rev. Gilliam lectured at Rushville, Ind., Monday night.

J. L. Morine, of Chicago, is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. Ora Dunlap is very ill at her home in Fayette street.

Elwood C. Knox and John D. Howard were in Anderson Monday.

Robert Riffe of Muncie was in the city this week among his friends.

Hayward E. Artis of Rockville, Ind., was visiting in the city last week.

Mrs. T. A. Stewart will visit her daughter in Peoria, Ill., the first of April.

The Red and White Rose Armies gave a closing social of their rally Tuesday evening.

Miss Rosa Dent of Shelbyville, Ind., is in the city the guest of Mrs. Vaughn in Paca street.

Messrs. W. H. Huffman and Ezra Roberts will spend the spring vacation at Kokomo, Ind.

Miss Mamie Burriss and Miss Barker of Knightstown, Ind., was in the city this week visiting.

The Zenda Club will give one of their Unique Musicals at Jones Tabernacle Monday evening April 7.

Jones Tabernacle Easter sermon at 11 a. m., Childrens exercise at 2 p. m. Regular services at 8 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. will open the second Sunday in April. Bishop Grant will address the Association at 3 p. m.

Mr. Robert L. Jordan of Pittsburg, Pa., was in this city this week and gave our sanctum a pleasant call.

Leah Chapter, Eastern Star conferred the degrees of the cross and crown on 35 members at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Julia Blackburn has returned from Lexington, Ky., where she went to bury her sister Mrs. Vina Smith.

There will be special services at Allen Chapel tomorrow. An interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Billy McClain the famous Negro showman just returned from Australia attended the reception at Simpson Chapel Tuesday evening.

Rev. Edward L. Gilliam of Simpson Chapel has closed a very successful year's work. His return is expected by the congregation and his friends.

Mrs. Julia Francis Turner wife of J. J. Turner, Providence, R. I., is dangerously ill at her home in that city. They are both well-known in Indianapolis.

Rev. Chas. Jones has left the city for Cincinnati to attend the annual conference to be held there commencing Thursday. Rev. Sissle has gone on the same mission.

The Flanner Guild Delsarte Class gave a surprise to Mrs. Lucretia Knox Monday evening the occasion being her birthday. Dainty refreshments were served.

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A meeting will be held Monday night April 2, at Jones Tabernacle corner of Blackford and North streets to give expression to views on the Crumpacker resolution now before Congress.

There will be special Easter services at Simpson Chapel Sunday 11 a. m. One of the prominent members of the Annual Conference will come from Cincinnati and preach at 11 a. m., and at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watson of Mason City, Ia., and Mrs. S. W. Wright, Miss Gladys, Cummingham, Master J. R. H. Jr., of Webster City, Ia., are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. George Young of Marshalltown, Ia.

Rev. Chas. Jones of Rockport, Rev. W. L. Noel of Bloomington, Rev. J. S. Henry of Terre Haute and Rev. J. W. Robinson of Chicago spent Tuesday evening in the city en route to the M. E. Annual Conference in Cincinnati.

Billy McClain the famous Comedian will conduct an entertainment for the benefit of the Alpha Home, the institution for aged colored women, at Tomlinson Hall April 9. The indications are that the people will heartily second his efforts toward putting funds into the hands of the board of management.

At Simpson Chapel Tuesday night the "White and Red Rose" Armies gave a reception and entertainment to the soldiers of both sides, their friends and pastor. The main feature of the evening was the mock marriage of Sussie Jackson and Richard Sissle. The roster of the processional was as follows: Flora Bybee flower—girl Margurite Adams flower—girl Minnie Green Bride's maid Willie Hill Best man Ruth Sissle Ring girl Amos Bybee Reverand in charge.

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Program for Allen Chapel Sunday-School at 2 p. m.

Organ.......................Voluntary
Song..............."Bells of Eastertide"
Invocation......................Pastor
Scripture reading.......Superintendent
Song......."Ring Merry Easter Bells."
School.
"The Lily Class"...Eight Little Girls
"All Hail the Power of Jesus."
Recitation.............."Easter Lilies."
Duet.............."Lovely Easter Lilies."
Acrostic......Exercises by thirteen boys
Offering.
Recitation................"Easter Eggs."
Remarks on Easter..............Pastor
"All Hail Him The King of Glory."
Remarks..............Superintendent
Closing Song ...."God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again."

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News Items.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Mr. John McCastiy of Bay City visited friends in this city last week. Mrs. Simpkin's house which was burned last month is undergoing repairs. Mr. S. Norman of Battle Creek was in the city last week. Eugene R. Johnson returned home Wednesday. The dance given last week by our ambitious young colored men was well attended by the Jackson people. Miss Nellie Brown of Adrain who has been visiting Mrs. Lena Mathew of this city returned home Saturday. Mr. Evans of Ypsiltanti was in the city last week. The Ladies Home Circle first anniversary prove a success. Miss Mabel Kursey left last Thursday night for Hot Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Chas. Martin of Battle Creek was in the city last week. Club No. 4, meet at Mrs. Garrett Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kemp are proud of a fine baby girl. Mr. Kemp arrived home Friday night from Lansing. Rev. Collins, Bowren and Mr. John will attend the district conference held at Battle Creek the 26th and 27th. Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent Miss Flossie M. Johnson 216 E. Franklin street.

Carrollton News.

Carrollton, Mo., Special.—Mr. Amos Smith returned from St. Joe Monday. Messrs. James Davis and Eugene Woods visited Kansas City, Mo., Qundaro and Kansas City, Kan., Sunday. The Banking House of Nilcoxson and Grocer store of Mirick and Minis and also a barber shop belong to John I. Nilcoxson burnt Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

To Present a Drama.

Kenton, O., Special.—The Musical club will present the Southern drama entitled, "Thirty Years of Freedom," under the auspices of the A. M. E. church, at G. A. R. hall, April 7th. Mrs. Charles Johnson was called to Columbus on account of the death of her cousin. D. Manley has succeeded in getting the contract for plastering the new brewery here, and has employed his brother from Bellfountain to assist him.

Vapor City News.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Prof. Andrew Staurt is undoubtedly the only colored optician in the Southwest. He is located in Hot Springs, Ark., where he conducts a business known as the Hot Springs Optical Company. He is no peddler or glass vender, but a scientific optician ground in the science of

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Columbus News.

Columbus, Ga., Special.—Mr. Goodwin Hal received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of his mother Mrs. Martha Hal at her home in Seale, Ala. She was a faithful member of A. M. E. church, was 86 years old and was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by four sons and three daughters and several other relatives. Mrs. Allen Willis, Mrs. W. E. Clark, Misses Julia O. Anderson and M. V. Hal went down to Seale, Ala., Thursday to attend the funeral of their grand mother. Mrs. C. Davis returned home after a stay of several months in Cincinnati and Chicago. Dr. C. D. Bell, who filled the responsible position as Pharmacist at the Queen City Drug Store has accepted a position in Denver, Col. Mr. Richard Flagg returned home after several months stay in New York. Dr. E. J. Turner has returned to Columbus where he will practice. He is a graduate from New Orleans University. Mr. J. O Diffay of Birmingham, Ala., was in the city this week and left Wednesday with a large number of men from Phoenix City to work in the Ore mines. Mr. Jerry Hall of Ft. Gaines, Ga., are among his friends in the city. Dr. E. T. Terry returned home after completing his course at Meharry, Tenn. He is a young man of fine qualities and has many friends who wish him success where ever he goes.

Pittsburg Notes.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Messrs. Albert Strathers and Jno. Morris of Indianapolis are at present located here. Mr. Strothers will leave for Philadelphia the latter part of the week. Colored policemen are in great demand here as every week their numbers is increased by one or two new additions. Miss Martha Hill one of the young social leaders of Philadelphia is visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. Daisy C. Hill for ten days. Mr. Bailey Wyatt stopped here for a few days on his way to Washington, D. C. Mr. Wyatt tells us that Indianapolis is at present worshipping at the shrine of Dame Fashion. The Freeman is in greater demand here than any other out of town Journal. Saturday evening at 8:30 the spectator was unable to secure a copy at any of the many news stands. Mrs. G. H. Brown and her daughter will visit her parents who are living in Baltimore, Md., on the 27 inst. Mrs. Brown is one of our social leaders and we regret her inopportune visit.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Rev. Green of Cincinnati, O., preached at Second Baptist church Thursday evening. Mrs. Cushenbery of Indianapolis was in Muncie Sunday in the interest of the Missionary Society of Second Baptist church; addressing the socity Sunday afternoon. Instead of the Second Baptist church it is the A. M. E. church who are making elaborate preparation for Easter Sunday. The band concert given at S. Baptist church was not patronized very largely. Mr. James Robbins departed last week for Richmond, Ind., on a visit. Mr. J. L. Morin of Pittsburg is in the city the guest of his parents on E. Jackson street. Mr. Douglass of Cambridge City has accepted a position as chef at the Cafe on E. Main street. Rev. Wood preached at A. M. E. church Sunday morning. Mrs. Branham captain of one of the clubs of Second Baptist church is training the children for a drill to be given some time in April.

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